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Family's tribute to A48 crash victim

SOUTH Wales Police has confirmed that the driver of the vehicle involved in a collision near Crack Hill, Bridgend, around midnight on April 30 has since died of his injuries.

He has been named as 26-year-old Thomas Callard-Williams.

His family are currently being supported by a family liaison officer and have issued the following statement;

"Thomas Gregory Callard-Williams was a wonderful young man who was loved by all that he encountered during his life.

"All of Thomas' family and friends take great comfort in the knowledge that his final conscious action was to use his arms to try and protect his passenger, and limit any harm to her. He was a gentleman to the very end. This was our son and brother."

Police continue to appeal for any witnesses, or have any drivers that may have dash-cam footage anyone with information should contact us via 101 quoting occurrence number 1900153216.

Julian steals the hearts of a Bridgend honeymoon couple!

A COUPLE from Bridgend who went on a honeymoon to Mauritius ended up with more than they bargained for by getting a dog!

Anna and James Tuck headed for the island in the Indian Ocean with the idea of enjoying a relaxing break amid the idyllic scenery, only for a stray and undernourished dog to steal their hearts. They named him 'Julian' – the only French name they could agree on.

Anna explained: "We first saw him wandering in the evening on the beach near our hotel and made a big fuss of him. He followed us back to our room and then fell asleep on our porch. We woke up the next morning to find him still there.

"Over the next few days we grew much closer to him. He seemed very happy considering he was undernourished, skinny and had lots of wounds and scars." The couple are big dog lovers and didn't want him to be suffering any discomfort.

Anna said: "We took the ticks out of him and applied Sudocrem to his wounds with cotton buds. We also gave him food and water from the local supermarket. He would sleep on our balcony in a basic bed we made for him every night and we played with him in the daytime.

"His wounds were starting to heal nicely and he started to gain a little more weight."

The extent to which Julian had become attached to them was illustrated one day when they headed off to the local taxi rank for a day trip. Anna said: "As we left, he chased us down the road, narrowly missing on-coming traffic. He then faded into the background.

"We were worried about him and hoped that he would find his way back to the hotel, avoiding the cars and buses. When we returned that night thankfully he was fast asleep in the corner of our porch on his made up bed." That was the moment the couple decided they wanted to bring him back to a loving home in the UK.

Anna said: "The next morning we spoke with the hotel and he was collected by Hanna of PAWS the following day." The charity looked after him in quarantine until transportation to the UK could be arranged.

Recently, Anna and James were thrilled to welcome Julian to Wales. It cost £1,500 to arrange everything and if anyone would like to make a donation to the costs, they can go to: *www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rescuejulianmaurice.*

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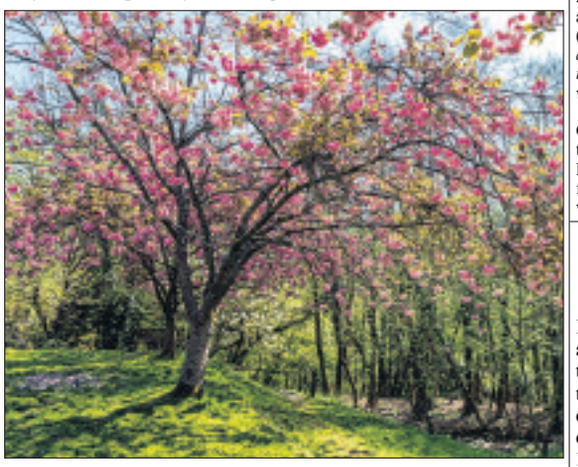
Country park is a splendid sight

LOCAL photographer Sue Dobbs was inspired by the dazzling array of pink blossoms at Bryngarw Country Park, and they were especially dazzling against the blue skies over a recent weekend.

The blue bells and dandelions are also out in force.

To see more of Sue's work, visit www.susandobbsphotography.co.uk



'What do Welsh MPs do when the English ones are busy with local elections?'

WHEN putting together my regular update of This Week In Parliament (TWIP) which gives constituents details of the issues debated in the Commons, it's usually a case of what do I miss out, there are so many excellent contributions to the debates.

This cannot be said of this week.

Local elections are taking place in England so apart from the Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish benches there have been many gaps and so far, no votes. (*GEM note: This column arrived last week, before the local election results were announced).*

I've not been into the Chamber except to listen to the maiden speech of Ruth Jones, the new MP for Newport West. So, what do MPs do if they are not in the Chamber?

For me, it has been a hectic week, full of important meetings and discussions. A meeting with NATS started the week. This is the UK Air Traffic Control organisation which covers 14 airports and ensures 2.4 million flights a year move safely in, out and around the UK, keeping 250 million passengers a year safe.

They also must monitor RAF and emergency service flights.

The meeting was to outline the new Aireon system which will give air traffic controllers real time information about planes' movement and arrival times in the UK.

Until now NATS didn't have live time view of flight arrivals. The plane's movement we watch on TV screens in the plane have not been available to the NATS operators in 70 per cent of the globe.

The new system will operate in the North Atlantic initially and reduce flight risks by 76 per cent, a frightening figure. It will also reduce separation distances between planes from the current 40 nautical miles to 14, allowing increased numbers of planes to fly the most fuel-efficient route, thereby reducing carbon emissions.

The system will cover Cardiff airport, which is why I attended. We were each given a map showing plane movements around the UK which demonstrated how complex the air traffic management is, especially around the four London airports.

Basically as planes take off from across North America they converge on the main routes so they fly north or south to enter the central route. More scary was the picture and description of the congestion around London. Huge respect to the people from NATs moving this forward: it's a high stress, high skilled job.

The map is now hanging in my constituency office to remind me of the people we take for granted when flying.

As the chair of the Kidney Disease All Party Group, I conducted two inquiries into the lack of kidney donors from Black and Minority Ethnic communities (BAME) and the disparity of living donors in some areas.

A meeting with members of the BAME community and Minister Jackie Doyle Price brought movement on both issues. Part of the solution rests with the recruitment of nurses known as SNODs, a ghastly term, which stands for Specialist Nurses for Organ Donation and tackling the 10 per cent vacancy rate.

The Defence Select Committee looked at the new warfare which puts civilians on the front line. Hybrid warfare stops just short of kinetic war and is aimed at destabilising and undermining states using covert acts such as cyber-attacks, disinformation, sowing distrust and confusion.

This new warfare has the capacity to bring down governments and destroy rule of law-based democracy through the ballot box. It has brought us a rise in authoritarian and populist regimes.

I've only made it to Tuesday…

For more details, especially on the Climate Change debate, you can sign on to the weekly TWIP by emailing me at *moonm@parliament.uk.*

Music workshop for people with sight loss in Bridgend area

RNIB Cymru is inviting blind and partially sighted people to a free music workshop in the St John Wales building on Minerva Street in Bridgend on Saturday, May 11 between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

The workshop will be led by local singer and musician Anne Wilkins, who has been blind since birth. Anne, from Bridgend is an accomplished soloist whose musical highlight was winning the David Ellis Memorial Blue Riband at the National Eisteddfod in 2012.

Anne said: "Whether you're joining in, listening or making your own music it is something we can all enjoy as equals, whether you have sight or not.

"I'm really looking forward to the workshop because it will be a great chance for people who are blind or partially sighted to get together and share in their enjoyment of music.

"I hope this day will give people a greater appreciation of the power of music, and its ability to help us through the best and worst of times."

Anyone with sight loss, including family and friends, is welcome to attend the free event.

"They will have a chance to watch performances by blind and partially sighted musicians, hear from the RNIB music service about their work and enjoy an afternoon tea.

RNIB Cymru's Connect facilitator Eleanor Rothwell said: "Music brings people together. We know that people with sight loss can often feel isolated or lonely. This is why our music day is going to give people a chance to connect with others who are in a similar situation and most importantly enjoy some great music."

The event is being held as part of Age UK's Gwanwyn Festival, being held across Wales in May to celebrate creativity in older age.

Anyone who would like to attend the event can contact RNIB Cymru by emailing *cymru@rnib.org.uk* or calling 029 2082 8500.

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Caerphilly Catapults take part in which magical league?

2. Which world famous English author kept ravens as pets?

3. In which war-torn country is the city of Mazir-i-Sharif?

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Answers: 1. Quidditch; 2. Charles Dickens; 3. Afghanistan.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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11 Sat	11.54	8.4	-------	----
12 Sun	00.23	8.2	13.06	8.1
13 Mon	01.41	8.1	14.27	8.1
14 Tues	02.59	8.3	15.46	8.5
15 Wed	04.12	8.7	16.48	9.0
16 Thurs	05.13	9.2	17.43	9.3

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BCBC playing catch up on checking the condition of its buildings estate

A MANAGER at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) who was hired to remodel the local authority's estate has revealed the "shockingly" low number of compliance certificates it had in place.

Over the last 18 months, BCBC has been working with Peopletoo, a consultancy firm, to centralise all its property-related functions under one team, called the corporate landlord.

Before then, responsibility for the council's estate was spread over three directorates and numerous service areas.

At a scrutiny committee meeting on Monday, April 29, the temporary head of the team, Tim Washington, told councillors there were "swathes of buildings" with no previous inspection history.

He said: "Back in September 2017, we looked at how compliant we were as an authority.

"We could lay our hands on 33 compliance certificates, which was pretty shocking in itself.

"But that's because of the disparate nature of the properties being owned and controlled by very different groups and service areas, whose primary focus was not on whether the building was compliant but (for example) on whether the football pitch had been marked out.

"Since then we have generated 2,800 certificates."

The certifications cover areas such as asbestos surveys, five-yearly fixed wiring checks, portable appliance testing and water temperature checks for boilers.

Mr Washington said the council now knew where all its assets were and what they were used for, adding it also had a new compliance process in place.

"Within the system, we've gone from six per cent compliance when we started to 43 per cent and our target this year is 100 per cent," he said.

He added: "That doesn't mean 57 per cent of our buildings are not compliant, or they're unsafe, it's that we don't necessarily have all of the necessary documentation in that single version of the truth, that's what we're working on right now.

"Even if we can't find a previous record, and we've got swathes of buildings where we've got no previous inspection history, we will have new inspections completed within the next 12 months and that's why I'm confident we will get to the 100 per cent."

The team has recruited two compliance officers with specialisms in fire risk, legionella, and asbestos.

Mr Washington said: "They are visiting every council property and doing full compliance audits and condition checks.

"We have a corporate landlord health and safety compliance board that meets monthly and if issues need to be escalated, they will go right up to the council's corporate management board."

Officers said while 43 per cent compliance didn't sound much it was in fact "far better" than many other councils had.

Mr Washington said: "Some areas do remain a challenge.

"If we look at pavilions and community centres, the ownership of those buildings has been pretty mixed and so is the way they've been looked after and maintained.

"It's about how we gain access to those and make sure they are compliant."

BCBC has recently extended its contract with Peopletoo, by a further 18 months at a cost of between £300,000 to £350,000.

A recent cabinet report states that in working with the consultancy, the council has made annual savings of £500,000 and is due to make an additional £600,000 saving over the next year.

Head of operations for community services, Zak Shell, told councillors the local authority needed the expertise and guidance from the consultancy.

He said: "If we felt we had the resources to do this ourselves, we obviously wouldn't have brought them in. We absolutely needed that expertise and support to make this happen so quickly.

"The benefits after Peopletoo have gone will be here to stay, we will have those financial savings on a rolling year-after-year basis."

He added: "We will also get an awful lot of reassurance from the model being implemented around compliance on our assets.

"We've had a high deal of ignorance of problems within our asset stock that we just frankly weren't aware of previously, whereas now we are doing the compliance tests, doing the condition surveys and identifying what works are needed with our properties."

The local authority has almost 1,000 physical assets, including car parks, areas of land, bus shelters and more than 400 buildings such as care homes, schools and industrial units.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter.

Local church hosts town centre defibrillator

The defibrillator outside Trinity Church in John Street.

A PORTHCAWL church has placed a potentially life-saving defibrillator in Porthcawl town centre, and it has been sited just outside the front door, giving 24-hour availability.

Trinity Methodist and The United Reformed Church in John Street is used for many community events and serves tea and coffee every weekend as well as some weekdays.

A spokeswoman for the church said: "Many people from Porthcawl and the surrounding area use our hall and other rooms, but most visitors to our town also walk past us when shopping.

"We therefore felt that a new defibrillator should be available for the general public/community to use as well as anybody using our premises.

"We have just bought it and sited it outside our front door. It can be used by anybody during an emergency and clear instructions are written on the case."

Council could house bees to help environment

BEEHIVES could be placed on top of council and other public buildings in Bridgend if one councillor's suggestion of helping the environment is taken up.

Cllr Carolyn Webster asked if the local authority had looked at beehives as part of its commitment to the environment during a meeting about the management of council assets.

During the past 18 months, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has been paying the consultancy firm Peopletoo to help it centralise all of its property-related functions under one team, called the corporate landlord.

Until recently, responsibility for the council's estate was spread over three directorates and numerous service areas.

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Responding to Cllr Webster's question about beehives, the council's temporary head of corporate landlord Tim Washington said: "I have to say, and this is a fearsome admission, the corporate landlord team have not looked at bees or beehives. But for me, I've got beehives at home, and I absolutely get the importance of them. Certainly for schools in particular, we are as supportive as we can be of any initiatives that they might bring forward."

He added: "In terms of investment for beehives and infrastructure-type projects that impact on the environment, they are generally not that expensive, we would absolutely fundamentally support that."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

AM seeks views on giving prisoners the right to vote

ASSEMBLY member Suzy Davies has been surveying residents in her region to seek their response to an indicative Assembly vote in favour of offering votes to prisoners.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies said that people living throughout South Wales West had been in touch to express their opposition to the intention expressed by Welsh Labour, Plaid Cymru and Liberal Democrat AMs.

Mrs Davies said: "The Welsh Conservatives are leading the opposition to this extraordinary suggestion which could see inmates in Welsh prisons, including convicted murderers, rapists, paedophiles and fraudsters permitted to vote in Assembly and Local Government elections. Some of these individuals will have committed violent or controlling offences against members of their own family.

"I take the view that if an individual has interfered with another's rights to the extent that warrants a prison sentence, then they must expect a suspension of their right to vote as well as their right to liberty in response.

"I know that the people of Wales, including many Labour voters, will be disgusted by this approval for prisoners' votes and I hope they will contact their preferred party and object. Otherwise, the idea will continue to command an Assembly majority despite Welsh Conservative opposition and despite the fact that none of these parties even mentioned this in their manifestos.

"My constituents were not able to consider this when voting and express their views. I challenge, Labour, Plaid Cymru and the Lib Dems to include this in their manifestos for the next election so that the people of Wales have the chance to make their views known.

"In the meantime, I need a clear picture of how my constituents feel about this so that I can vehemently challenge Welsh Government should their progress this through to legislation.

"All opinion polls show that the majority of voters are opposed to this idea. The three party leaders should make it plain that they will not impose their views on the people of Wales if it's clear that they disagree with them."

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College collects silver award for wellbeing

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Sam Morgan, director of people at Bridgend College, reinforced the need for organisations to "get behind the initiative", which seeks to raise awareness of the importance of workplace wellbeing and tackle the stigma of mental health.

"As part of our restructure, we made sure staff have more time with managers who are looking to decrease stress for their employees.

"We designed and implemented a 'Person Centred Leadership Programme', which gives leaders the skills to create a better environment, based on understanding what really matters to staff.

"Several managers have had Mental Health First Aid training and more training is planned over the next couple of months for a wider group of staff.

"We have recruited a wellbeing advisor, who works with individuals and managers to support people to stay well in work and supports people back to work, with plans to meet individual needs, which has helped us to reduce absence.

"Our intention and commitment to improving the wellbeing of staff and students is continually supported by our principal and CEO Simon Pirotte, who recently hosted a breakfast morning for Mind Cymru sharing stories about challenges in the sector and our responses.

"We were delighted this year to see an improvement in our index score, achieving Silver award as a result and showing that we have really stepped up our focus on wellbeing in the workplace.

"The things we do to achieve change are shaped by listening to staff and their needs, and will be beneficial to our staff, students and the communities we service. To make sure we are always going in the right direction, we will continue to measure our impact using the Mind Workplace Wellbeing Index."

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Chloe (nine) plans 20-mile charity walk

A NINE-year-old Porthcawl girl will be tackling a 20-mile charity walk this Saturday (May 11) to help a local medical centre's campaign to raise money for a thyroid cancer support group.

Thyroid cancer is something that is close to Chloe Collett's heart, because a close family member has been affected by it.

She saw that the Porthcawl Medical Centre was raising money for the Thyroid Cancer support group, which plays a hugely important role providing a network of support for people with that cancer.

A local endocrine surgeon, Mr Richard Egan, recently ran the London Marathon to raise money for the charity.

Inspired by this, Chloe started her fundraising by baking cakes and selling them to family and friends, raising £38. She then decided she would do a sponsored walk from Porthcawl to Aberavon and back, on Saturday, May 11, at 9am from the Porthcawl Medical centre.

Joining Chloe on her walk will be her mum Clare and dad Darren, along with Richard Egan and supporters of the group.

Also joining them for as much of the walk as she can manage, is Chloe's aunt who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

Chloe's aim is to raise £2,000 for the group and she is well on the way to achieving this, as now her sponsorship from various sources stands at £1,730.

Chloe has a justgiving page. The link is: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DarrenCollett1/1?

Porthcawl RNLI race to Sker Point incident

JUST after midday on May 2, Porthcawl RNLI and the the Mumbles lifeboat were called to the aid of a nine-metre yacht which had run aground at Sker Point, Porthcawl.

The yacht with two people on board was immediately assisted by Porthcawl lifeboat. When the Mumbles all-weather lifeboat arrived at Sker, they placed a crew member on board the yacht to assist while Porthcawl lifeboat returned to station.

The Mumbles crew escorted the casualty vessel back to Swansea Marina.

Tim Conway, lifeboat operations manager at The Mumbles said: "Sker point is a particularly dangerous area and thankfully Porthcawl Lifeboat managed to get to the casualty very quickly before there could be any significant risk of damage to the casualty vessel or harm to the crew."

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Opposition to new community recycling centre in Village Farm

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has announced that a new community recycling centre on the Village Farm Industrial Estate in Pyle is planned to be a direct replacement for the existing facility at Tythegston.

Council officers said the proposed modern facility is a fundamental part of the local authority achieving Welsh Government targets for household waste. It will be operated by Kier as part of the company's waste contract with BCBC.

Under the proposals put forward by BCBC, residents will access the site via Sturmi Way and leave via Heol Mostyn, using a one-way system.

Meanwhile, operators and HGVs will access the site off Heol Mostyn to the south of a retained office building on the vacant site.

However, a number of businesses on the estate are objecting to the development. They said it is "already impossible" to get off the estate at peak times, that the development will have an adverse impact on their businesses and it will increase the risk of accidents and road rage on the estate.

They also fear there will be an increase in vermin, odours and air pollution.

Ward councillor Mike Kearn, who requested that the application should come before the development and control committee, said his constituents had questioned whether the access road was suitable for queuing traffic and raised safety concerns over the nearby entrance of Cynffig Comprehensive School and a nursery.

In a report going before councillors, he said: "I must express concern about the additional traffic that will be using the A48 entrance to the trading estate. This is already a serious congestion point, which creates traffic queues back from and onto the roundabout at key points of the working day.

"There are no traffic lights or pedestrian crossing points to safeguard pedestrians and drivers."

Pyle Community Council said it objected to the increased number of vehicles having to negotiate the junction at the entrance into the estate, pointing out it has been the scene of fatal accidents and the increased traffic could lead to more.

Officers said there will be work done to improve the junction to increase capacity and the site will be managed to ensure that there will not be any detrimental impacts from pollution.

They are recommending the plans be approved, subject to conditions and the BCBC development control committee meets on Thursday, May 9.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

The 'Brown Bash' spring fundraising ball

SOME 160 persons attended a fundraising Spring Ball, full of glamour and sparkle, held at Tondu Cricket Club on April 27 in memory of glamorous young mother Karen Brown, who lost her life after fighting cancer for some time.

Congratulations to her special friend Sian Phillips of Broadlands who worked tirelessly in organising yet another spectacular event and to date, has raised approximately £19,000 over the past few years to support Velindre Cancer Care and Y Bwthyn at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Sian would like to pass on her sincere thanks to Karen's family and to everyone who supported this memorable occasion in so many ways.

Carol Thomas

Museum and Tarmac cement their relationship

The Griffiths team led by site agent Lee Rosser with Ann Taylor, museum treasurer; Rob Taylor, museum volunteer; Paul Joseph, and Ceri Joseph, museum secretary.

IN 2017 Porthcawl Museum, in partnership with Cenin Renewables, embarked on a project to commemorate the military personnel who trained at the former World War Two airfield at RAF Stormy Down, located within the boundaries of Porthcawl.

A key part of the project was to create a permanent memorial on the Parc Stormy site.

When Rob Taylor, a volunteer at Porthcawl Museum approached the nearby Tarmac quarry at Cornelly, they were pleased to be part of the project and provided a limestone block for the permanent memorial on site.

Following this, a closer tie was established with Tarmac and Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, which is part of the Tarmac group. Tarmac and Alun Griffiths, who have just completed the Porthcawl town beach works sea defence project, subsequently cleared and provided a hard concrete and tarmac surface to the rear garden area of Porthcawl Museum.

The re-surfacing work will now provide much-needed additional activity-based events and storage for the museum.

Paul Joseph, chairman of Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society, took the opportunity to thank some of the Griffiths team including site agent Lee Rosser. Mr Joseph said that the work from this relationship would contribute to the growing part that Porthcawl Museum and its volunteers play in the community.

Also visiting the museum to see the completed project were Anthony Morgan, managing director of Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd and his son Daniel Morgan, general manager of Tarmac South Wales.

Daniel Morgan said: "We are committed to being a good neighbour and making a positive contribution to the communities in which we operate."

Report and photos by David Swidenbank

Sight loss charity meets in Maesteg

A MAESTEG support group which helps to increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular degeneration will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 13.

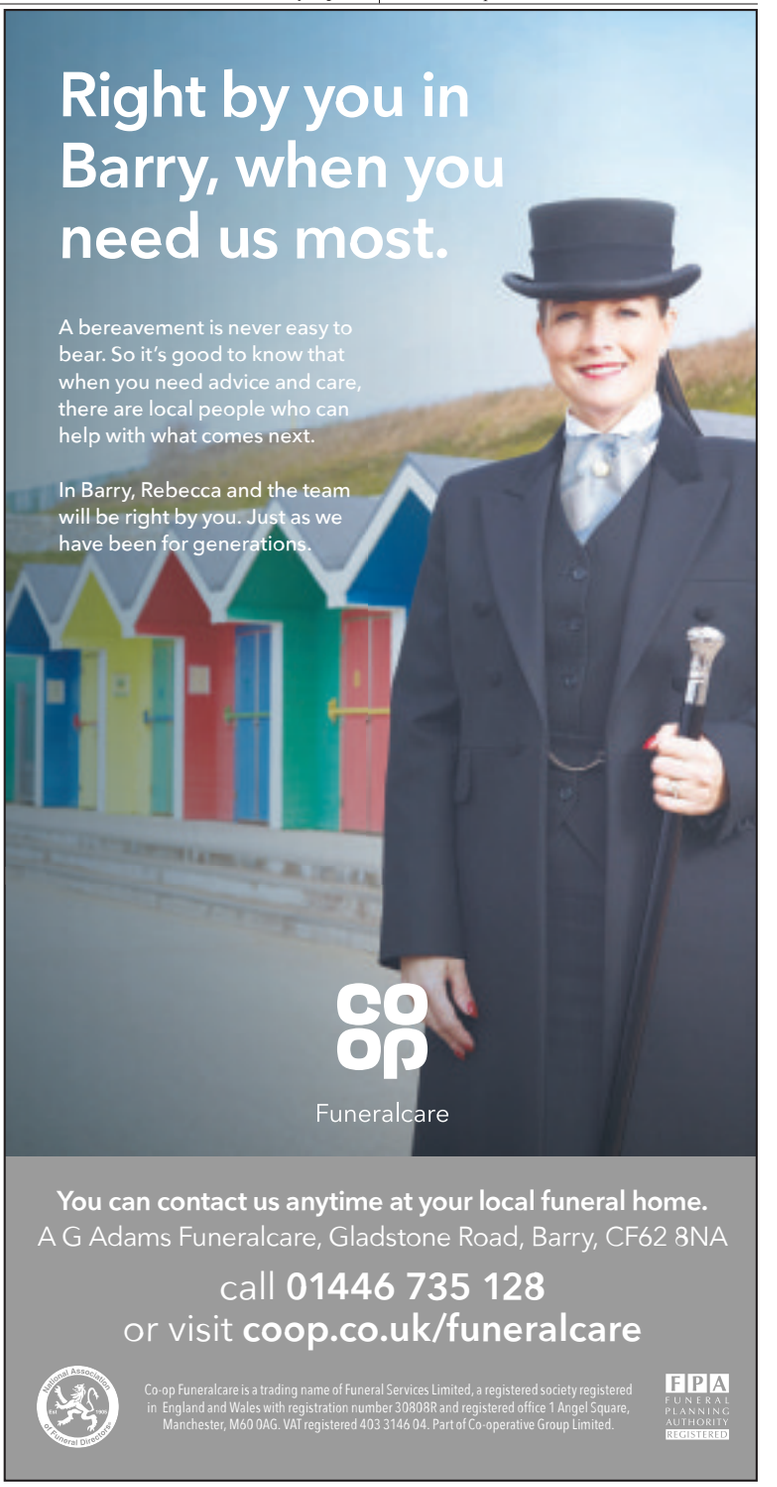
The Maesteg Macular Support Group, which is organised by sight loss charity the Macular Society in partnership with local people will meet from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Maesteg Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hartshorn House, Neath Road, Maesteg CF34 9EE.

The group meets at the same time and location on the second Monday of every month. At this month's meeting, the group will welcome a guest speaker from Wales Council for the Deaf. The group is one of 400 of its kind in the UK.

Adele Francis, Macular Society regional manager, said: "The Maesteg Macular Support Group is here for anybody affected by macular disease – we want to encourage as many people to come along as possible. You don't have to be a member to attend and friends and family are also very welcome.

"There also may be opportunities for anyone who would like to get involved with the group. It may be with tasks such as helping find guest speakers to come and talk to the group each month, or contacting members to remind them when meetings will be taking place."

For more information about the Maesteg Macular Support Group, contact Adele Francis on 01639 843236/07494 468007, or email adele.francis@macularsociety.org. For general information on macular disease call the Macular Society on 0300 3030 111 or email help@macularsociety.org.



Soroptimists welcome guests at May Fair

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with the Town Crier stopped by the Bridgend Soroptimists' tombola stall at the May Fair on May 6.

The Bridgend club were raising funds for their president's mental health charity.

The 'Guess the Name of the Bear' competition was won by Hannah Kennedy from Miskin, who was spot on with calling him Barnaby. Follow the Soroptimists at *sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district.*

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Pet Sunday at St Michael's, Colwinston

THE annual pet service was held in the churchyard at St Michael's Church, Colwinston on a glorious sunny morning.

All the dogs behaved well and their owners sang joyfully.

The sermon of St Francis and the Bible story of Noah's Ark were read and the children led the prayers.

Kathy Kettle played songs about animals on the guitar and Rev Alan Kettle read poems. The animals were blessed and everyone gave thanks for the warm sunny morning.

KJ

Chance to apply for Coalfield community grant

THE Coalfields Community Grants Programme in Wales can award grants from £500 up to £7,000.

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) has arranged one-to-one 30 minute appointments with Coalfields Regeneration staff at their offices in Maesteg on Thursday, June 20 from 12pm to 6.30pm, for voluntary groups in Bridgend county borough to discuss their projects and ideas that the trust could fund.

The programme is for community and voluntary organisations that can demonstrate strongly that a grant will impact positively on people living in the coalfield communities of Wales.

Grants will be awarded for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify clear positive outcomes for people that can be measured.

Projects will need to meet one or more of the following themes: job creation and employment support, social enterprise development, skills and training, community buildings, tackling poverty and health and wellbeing.

Voluntary organisations must be located within a Welsh 'Coalfield Community'. Further details can be found by visiting the news pages at www.bavo.org.uk. Places are limited and are by appointment only. Organisations must register your interest by contacting BAVO on 01656 810400 or bavo@bavo.org.uk by no later than Thursday, June 13.

Young travellers enjoy discounted bus travel

YOUNG travellers in Ogmore and across Wales have been making the most of discounted bus travel with the 'MyTravelPass' travel discount scheme.

Recently improved with enhancements from the Welsh Government, the scheme now offers up to a third off bus fares for all journeys taken by young people aged between 16 and 21.

Proving popular with young people out and about in Ogmore, figures recently published already show a take up of 1,141 young travellers in Bridgend county borough and 1,761 in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Encouraging young people to use the bus for more of their journeys has an immediate and long-term benefit by helping to reduce road congestion, improving air quality and making the bus network a more attractive place for the bus industry to invest.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies said: "I'm delighted to hear that young travellers across Ogmore are taking up the travel card and benefiting from this popular travel discount scheme aimed at helping young people with affordable transport.

"MyTravelPass is a travel card that can easily be applied for via the www.mytravelpass.gov.wales/en website and I would encourage more young travellers across Ogmore to apply so they can also enjoy cheaper bus travel."

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Funded childcare scheme launched to help working parents

PICTURED: (left to right) Cllr Dhanisha Patel; Kate Parry (BCBC childcare team); Jackie Roberts (Old School House Nursery); Carwyn Jones AM and Graham Davies (BCBC Childcare Offer co-ordinator) with staff and children from the Old School House Nursery.

WORKING parents in Bridgend County Borough are now able to access up to 30 hours of funded early years education and childcare for their three and four-year-olds.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is the latest local authority in Wales to access the Welsh Government's childcare scheme, which gives eligible working parents of three and four-year-old children 30 hours of funded early years education and childcare for up to 48 weeks of the year during both term-time and the school holiday period.

Eligible parents will be able to access the offer from the beginning of the term following their child's third birthday until the September following their fourth birthday.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, BCBC's cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations, said: "It is well-documented that the cost of childcare is one of the biggest challenges facing working families. The council is keen to support working people in the county borough by offering good quality, flexible and affordable childcare."

Jackie Roberts, managing director of Old School House Nursery, Pen-y-Fai, said: "I'm really pleased that we are able to offer the scheme to the working parents who use our nursery.

"I will be recommending the scheme to any current or new parents that choose to place their child with us."

Cllr Patel added: "This new scheme can reduce pressures on family incomes, whether both parents are working or if you are a single parent in employment.

"I would encourage anyone interested in the scheme to find out more through the council's website, www.bridgend.gov.uk/talkchildcare or call 01656 642649."

International president visits Porthcawl Lions Club

ON Thursday, May 2, Porthcawl Lions entertained the international president of the world's largest service organisation.

Lions Club International has over 1.8 million members all around the globe, and this year also has its first lady president. She is Gudrun Yngvadottur from Iceland and she joined the Porthcawl Club and other local Lions for a buffet lunch at Porthcawl Rugby Club; bannerettes were exchanged and the gift of a Welsh love spoon made.

This was followed by a presentation at the Sea Cadets' base by the harbour. Also present were Porthcawl Mayor, Cllr Norah Clarke and her husband Mike, and other senior Lions on their way to the (British) National Convention, being held this year at Swansea.

Obviously a committed conservationist, she was interested that the 60th anniversary of the *Samtampa* disaster had prompted the club to clean the beach where it happened; 12 years (and a 70th anniversary) later, beach-cleaning by local volunteers has become widespread and very effective.

Beaches in the area are among the cleanest in Wales, and litter consciousness is widespread as we move towards greater environmental concern.

AC

BCBC go in house for new chief executive

Mark Shephard (front left) and elected members who have appointed him.

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has announced that its new Chief Executive Officer will be Mark Shephard.

Mr Shephard has been acting as the council's interim chief executive since January 2019. Prior to that, he had spent 20 years in senior management roles right across the local authority, with his most recent post being the corporate director for communities where he was responsible for a wide range of services.

These included planning, property, highways, waste and recycling, tourism, parks, cemeteries and crematoria, regeneration, economic development and sustainable development.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "He was also closely involved in establishing partnerships with the Awen Cultural Trust and Halo Leisure which has not only protected local libraries and leisure centres, but has led to them being enhanced to the benefit of local people."

Council Leader Huw David said: "With his impressive track record and varied experience of working within BCBC, Mark is ideally placed to provide strategic leadership alongside elected members as we continue to deliver essential services for local people.

"With increasingly limited resources, this is an extremely challenging time for local government and it was essential to find the right candidate for the role.

"Not only does Mark possess all of the right qualities to offer BCBC outstanding leadership, he has a clear understanding of the challenges we face and will enable the authority to build on opportunities for protecting and improving services."

Mr Shephard was unanimously appointed at a meeting of full council on May 1 following an extensive recruitment process and will begin his new role immediately.

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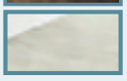
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Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, May 9, there will be a demonstration by watercolourist Graham Hadlow.

On May 16, Cheltenham artist Sheila Bryant will give a demonstration in charcoal.

CAS welcomes artists of any level and visitors for demonstrations or illustrated lectures. The society holds a number of social events and exhibits in various places throughout the year. It meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm–9pm). Further details from the Old Hall or see www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

History Society

ON Thursday, May 9 there will be a change of speaker at Penarth Local History Society's advertised programme.

Andrew Kelland will give a talk on TWAM ('Tools With A Mission') at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth at 7.30pm. Admission £2 for non-members.

Dinas Powys Community Cinema will rock you

'BOHEMIAN Rhapsody' (12A) will be shown at Dinas Powys Community Cinema on Saturday, May 11. Rami Malek won the Best Actor Oscar for his role as Freddie Mercury, in this biopic of the singer of Queen.

The cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. There is a licensed bar, with ice cream and other refreshments also on sale. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start and all tickets are £4.50. They are available on the door, can be purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Handmade Market

BARRY Island Handmade Market will take place at Barry Island Train Station on Sunday, May 12 from 11am – 3pm; loads of lovely handmade gifts!

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Just how well-trained are our school governors?

CONCERNS have been raised over the training of school governors in Bridgend after issues were highlighted during the scrutiny of a 'red' status primary school.

Bridgend county councillors who took part in the panel reviewing the school's performance have requested that governor training across the county be reviewed and improved to make it more effective and fit for purpose.

Some believe a job description should be provided when schools advertise for parent governors, to ensure that the right people apply for the position and understand what is expected of them.

At a council meeting on April 29, Cllr Amanda Williams, who sat on the member and school engagement panel, said one of the issues had involved training being cancelled because there were not enough governors going on it. Another problem involved a shortage of school governors.

She said: "There's a total of 41 Local Education Authority (LEA) governor vacancies at the moment in the county. How are we going to promote that and fill these vacancies?

"We need to fill them."

She suggested providing more information about the role, detailing when meetings take place and what is involved. Cllr Roz Stirman said the basic mandatory training to become a governor didn't cover everything.

She said: "It just pushes you in the right direction, and if you haven't got the frame of mind to be pushed, you're not going to know what you need to be asking and what you should be looking at.

"Governor training needs scrutiny because it's a hotchpotch – we need to have it clearly defined for people who wish to take on the role so they know what is involved, what they need to be able to offer and what they will be trained in."

Cllr Carolyn Webster suggested inviting some school governors into a scrutiny committee to find out what areas were being missed in the training. The issues were raised in a report focusing on Plasnewydd Primary School in Maesteg.

Councillors said the headteacher had experienced difficulties in recruiting parent governors from the local community with persistent vacancies and, while governors were now "heavily involved" in the school, it still had ongoing vacancies for both parent governors and local authority governors.

Due to its 'red' status under the national schools categorisation system, the school has received an immediate, tailored package of intervention. Part of that has involved training through a consultant governor and support to develop a governor pack.

In its recommendations, councillors sitting on the panel recommended the governor pack be shared across other schools in the county to help school governing bodies.

The panel has also recommended that school governors should consider visiting and attending school governor meetings in other schools to view best practice and gain ideas which could be used within their own school.

A governor's role is to help lead, support and improve schools, acting as a link between parents, the local community and the school. In Bridgend, new governors must attend two mandatory training courses covering the main responsibilities of a governor and understanding the data used in schools.

During the overview and scrutiny committee meeting on April 29, chairman Carolyn Webster said: "We make a genuine plea for members of the public to come forward to the local authority to be able to sit as an LEA governor on schools and play an active part in the community."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

'Pencoed is extra cycle-friendly', says Bridgend council Leader

PENCOED is fast becoming one of the most cycling-friendly towns in Wales, a spokesperson for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has claimed.

The town now has more than three miles worth of designated traffic-free cycle routes, on-road cycle routes and paths for cutting through housing estates.

The town even has a special 'glow in the dark' path through the Woodlands playing fields which emits a gentle glow to guide cyclists and walkers during the winter months.

To help raise awareness of all the routes, a new 'Active Travel' map has been produced by BCBC and Sustrans, in partnership with Pencoed Town Council.

The maps are being given out to pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive School and all of its feeder primary schools, and copies will also be made available for residents via the town council.

The most recent 'Active Travel' investment in the town by BCBC using grant funding from Welsh Government, has allowed the pavement along the western side of Coychurch Road to be widened to create a cycleway/footway. The completion of the missing link means that there is a traffic-free route running all the way from Coychurch to the school gates at Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Council Leader Cllr Huw David said: "We are very grateful to the Welsh Government for their continuing financial support through the Safe Routes in Communities programme. Following successful funding applications made by the council, more than £1.5m worth of Active Travel improvements have been made in Pencoed over the past three years.

"Active Travel improvements take time, energy and money, but we are excited that an extensive network of safe cycling and walking routes is coming together in Pencoed and other parts of Bridgend county borough.

"We will continue bidding for additional funding to make improvements. We want to do everything possible to make it easier for people to leave their cars at home and choose a healthier, greener form of travel for shorter everyday journeys as part of their daily routine, and set a trend that can be continued by future generations."

Cancer survivors set to model at Cowbridge Tenovus fashion show

A 36-year-old mother of two from Llanmaes is joining other cancer survivors and volunteers for the big Tenovus Cancer Care Fashion Event in Cowbridge on May 21.

Llinos Griffin-Williams, an executive producer with Wildflame Productions, is joining a fabulous line-up of models which include Cardiff drag queen Miss Felicia, appearing as himself, Ashley Putland. Tickets for the event, at 6pm at the Duke of Wellington ballroom, cost £5 and are available from the Tenovus shop.

Llinos has two children, Ani (five) and Gwenna (one). She had Hodgkins Lymphoma at 16, and it came back when she was 24.

Llinos, who is currently working on a documentary for Channel 5, said: "Tenovus helps people at their most vulnerable. The work they do makes an incredibly difficult time a little easier. Their work is tremendously important and worthwhile."

Llinos's proud mum Beryl, who moved to Cowbridge from north Wales to help her daughter and son-in-law Peter with childcare, will be in the audience, as will many volunteers from the Cowbridge Tenovus shop, to support the models who work there.

Members of the Cardiff North Tenovus choir will also be out in force to support four choir members who are also modelling.

The Cowbridge shop is one of the most successful charity shops in the UK. It currently stocks a large range of new Mint Velvet which will be modelled at the event, together with carefully selected vintage and pre-loved fashion from the Tenovus shop.

The Friends are busy at the moment as after the fashion event, they are organising an ice cream and cocktail tasting on June 6 at Fablas Ice Cream Parlour in Cowbridge, tickets £10. This is followed by a bus trip to Chipping Campden and the Labels shopping outlet in Ross on Wye on June 20, cost £25. All tickets are on sale in the Tenovus shop in Cowbridge. **GF**

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AM's visit to Slade Farm

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited Slade Garden as part of the National Garden Scheme Open Day.

Jane Hutt said: "I visited Slade Farm as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS), opening gardens to the public raising funds for charity. It was a beautiful afternoon with masses of bluebells in the Slade Garden and wood leading down to Dunraven Bay.

"I was delighted to hear that funds were being raised for charities including the Macmillan Cancer Support specialists palliative care unit 'Y Bwythyn' at Royal Glamorgan Hospital."

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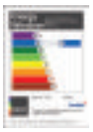

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Vale Photographic Club news

LEFT:
Nick Craddock's 'Scottish Wildcat' photo won the digital section of the competition.

A LOT has happened at the Vale Photographic Club since the last article, not least of which is that the club is now meeting in the new and improved Ystradowen Village Hall, complete with new parking bays.

During April, the club held the annual Vale Cider Cup, sponsored by Vale Cider, in a competition between Bridgend Photographic Club and the Vale.

This was the third of the competitions, with the first taken soundly by the Vale Club, the second a draw and the third going to Bridgend, so honours are even for next year's event.

On April 26, the club held its sixth internal competition of the year with some truly remarkable prints.

The colour print section was won by Pam Lewis with her image of a cheetah, the mono section was won by Mike Davies with his frightening 'Cold Stare' image of a vulture and the digital section was won by Nick Craddock with his image of a Scottish wildcat.

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From left: Gareth Poston, Alun Cairns, Bethan Apglyn and Ben Butler-Madden.

Local runners celebrate finishing London Marathon

LOCAL runners Ben Butler-Madden and Gareth Poston celebrated crossing the finish line at the London Marathon on Sunday with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

Local running clubs competing included Major Milers, Seriously Mad Runners (SMR) and Penarth & Dinas Runners, all making the trip to London in support.

Ben ran the 26-mile course in an impressive two hours and 32 minutes, while Gareth wasn't far behind, completing it in two hours and 49 minutes, with both achieving their personal best times.

Mr Cairns finished in three hours and 45 minutes, which he claimed was a creditable time, given his age disadvantage!

After the Marathon, Mr Cairns met his fellow runners from the Vale for a drink to celebrate their achievements, which including local runner Bethan Apglyn, who was there to support them. They are all regular participants in the Barry Island Parkrun.

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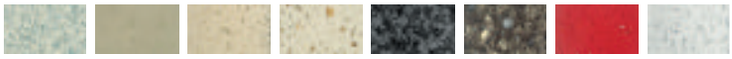

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Youngsters put care home residents in hot seat for 'inter-generational' project

A CARDIFF care home helped bring generations together on a project with The Prince's Trust this week.

Young people aged between 16 and 19, who are being supported by the youth charity to help get them into work, visited Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna, to meet residents who grew up in the area.

The teenagers were filmed interviewing the residents to find out exactly what it was like living in Cardiff and how the city has changed over the years. The short films were displayed as part of an art exhibition about 'intergeneration' at the Stadium Plaza in the main atrium which has recently been refurbished.

The youngsters had their questions prepared in advance and enjoyed listening to the answers from the residents who shared lots of stories and funny anecdotes with them.

Tŷ Llandaff activities coordinator Melanie Geoghegan said: "We are proud of all our residents at Tŷ Llandaff and proud of the young people in our community. We were delighted to work with The Prince's Trust on this intergeneration project and hope this will be the first of many partnerships between us.

"It was fantastic for the young people to come in and interview the residents, talk to the staff, and discover what our home is all about! We hope it has provided them with some valuable experience which will help them on the path to successful careers. We took the residents to see the short film at the Stadium Plaza and they absolutely loved it."

For more information about the Tŷ Llandaff contact 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com.

Vale Council reveals cost of consultants

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' cash in the Vale has been used on external consultants.

The Vale Council has revealed it spent £378,000 on 47 external consultants over the past two financial years.

They were used by the council's central education teams, social services, housing, planning, finance, IT and neighbourhood services such as highways, rubbish collection and public transport.

Council leader John Thomas said the council's spend on external consultants – totalling £230,000 in 2017-18 and £148,000 in 2018-19 – was "good value for money".

He told a full council meeting on May 1: "Consultants are expensive but they do fill gaps where this council has not got the manpower to carry out the studies and the work necessary.

"Although it's a lot of money, in the scheme of things if we employed people to carry out all that work and they had been employed 365 days of the year it would cost us a lot more."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Barry local history event

DISCOVER Barry's colourful history at Barry Library with a talk and tour with Nick Hodges.

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Sarah's '42 at 42' marathon

SARAH Miles, managing director of With Music In Mind, took on the London Marathon on April 28 in aid of Tŷ Hafan.

The race took place on her 42nd birthday so she raised funds under the tagline '42 at 42' – 42km at the age of 42.

Sarah said: "I am absolutely delighted to have finished the race and to have raised around £3,000 for Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice, and the money is still coming in! The work that they do for children with life-limiting conditions and their families is phenomenal and it's been a real privilege to support such a worthwhile cause."

After a 16-weeks of gruelling training, Sarah thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Her goal was to run it within 5 hours, and she came in at 4 hours 48 minutes, beating her previous time of 4 hours and 55 minutes 15 years ago.

The money that Sarah raised was via a VirginMoneyGiving page, sponsorship forms, collection boxes, a concert by Indigo May, and a non-uniform day and competition at Y Bont Faen Primary School.

Sarah Miles completed the London Marathon with a personal best.

"A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in this venture, including Meinir Tuckey and Julie Kench from Indigo May whose concert raised £787 and Y Bont Faen Primary School, whose non-uniform day raised £212.50.

"The amazing Mrs Hayman organised a 'design a t-shirt logo' competition and the winner of the competition, Imogen from year-5, designed a delightful poster that was printed onto my running vest. The emotional support of family and friends through the training was fantastic, I couldn't have done it without them."

Imogen with her winning logo design.

Cardiff Airport reaches 1.6 million mark

OVER the 12 months from May 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019, more than 1.6 million passengers have flown through Cardiff Airport, reflecting an increase of seven per cent on the previous year, making it the busiest year since 2009.

Passenger growth for the month of April was up 20 per cent versus the same month last year, with Cardiff Airport welcoming a total of 126,399. Passenger numbers at Cardiff Airport have grown by over 60 per cent since the Welsh Government purchased the airport in 2013.

An airport spokesperson said that growth in April was due to a number of factors:

• Low-cost carrier Ryanair added new services to Barcelona and Malta, complementing its existing flights to Faro and Tenerife. The airline will also launch flights to Malaga in June.

• Thomas Cook added a larger A321 aircraft to its base at Cardiff and started its summer schedule earlier, adding a new route to Enfidha (Tunisia).

• Qatar Airways operated its first April service at Cardiff, as it neared the first anniversary of connecting Wales and the south west via its hub in Doha.

• TUI added extra cruise flights to Barbados during April. The airline has also launched new routes to Naples, Dubrovnik and Hurghada for summer 2019.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted to have reached this passenger milestone after what has been a transformational 12 months and our busiest period in over 10 years.

"2019 is set to be another exciting year and we look forward to a busy summer season."

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Drinking fountains to be installed across the Vale

OVER the upcoming weeks, The Vale Council will be installing drinking fountains on various popular sites across the Vale, at a cost of £40,000, aiming to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.

A council spokesperson said: "The free bottle filling stations will provide both an environmentally and economically friendly alternative to buying bottled water.

"It also comes as part of the council's improvements to outdoor spaces. Many of the areas have recently been upgraded, with some offering outdoor sports, gym and play facilities. The council hopes that the fountains will bring the spaces together, while also encouraging visitors to stay hydrated during their activities."

A total of 14 units will be installed, either alone or in pairs on the following sites:

Barry: Central Park, Knap Gardens, Romilly Park, Upper Gladstone Gardens, Barry Island Promenade.

The state-of-the-art drinking fountains are to be installed in areas with high visitor numbers.

Penarth: New Cogan Leisure Centre Skate Park, Cliff Walk, Penarth Seafront.

St Athan: Lougher Place.

Dinas Powys: The Murch or Bryn y Don Playing Fields.

Ogmore-By-Sea: Main Car Park.

In 2014, fountains of the same type were installed in Belle Vue Park, the first of their kind in the UK, that boast a triple tier fountain with bottle filling facility, disabled access and adaptations for dogs. Five years on, the fountains are well-maintained and have been deemed a great success. The units are extremely hard-wearing and with appropriate maintenance, should last 25-30 years.

The director of environment and housing, Miles Punter said : "This is a fantastic incentive to ensure people of all ages stay hydrated over the summer, especially in areas where they are being encouraged to get active."

Some units will be installed in forthcoming weeks, while others are earmarked for projects which will be completed later this year.

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Topstak-sponsored charity wing walker Vicky raises funds for MS

A TOPSTAK-sponsored charity wing walk has raised more than £1,400 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Vicky Jones from Gower was diagnosed with the disease six years ago and succeeded in raising both funds and awareness with her wing walk on April 25.

Vicky said: "I was totally delighted and exhilarated with the experience of wing walking. Until my diagnosis, I was always a busy person, a 100mph person; now I struggle to get up and dressed and the simplest of tasks takes me so long and tires me greatly. Succeeding in the wing walk feels like such a huge achievement."

Kath Foot, who runs the south Wales MS Society fundraising group added: "Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition that affects the nerves. You get it when your immune system isn't working properly.

"Your immune system normally protects you by fighting off infection, but in MS it attacks your nerves by mistake. The symptoms are different in each person and it is a notoriously difficult disease to diagnose.

"As there can be relatively little outward indication of MS, it can be easy to underestimate how profoundly this disease affects people. At present, there is no cure for MS, but with increased funds we hope to gain a better understanding of the disease, and ultimately find a cure."

Adam Pedersen, director of family-run firm Topstak, said: "We were delighted to be able to support this worthwhile cause. It was very brave of Vicky to do a wing walk and we are full of admiration for her. Our sponsorship means that all the money she raised can now go to the MS Society, furthering this worthwhile cause."

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Penarth school's Taff Trail Challenge will help pupils

YSGOL y Deri is encouraging people to join, help marshal or sponsor those taking part in an epic bike ride – the Taff Trail Challenge – that it is organising on Saturday, May 18.

Over the last five years around £28,000 has been raised, allowing the school to buy specially-made bikes for wheelchair users and standard bicycles. They are a very well-used resource in the school and provide amazing experiences for pupils.

Teachers teach students to cycle safely, improve their motor skills and use cycling as a way of calming before learning.

Each bike is made to order and caters specifically for an individual's needs and for this reason, they cost around £6,000 each.

A school spokesperson said: "Come along and join us at this event on Saturday, May 18. All riders have the option of starting the ride in Brecon, Merthyr or Nantgarw, so there is a route to suit riders of all abilities. Riders travel along a fully signposted and marshalled route that finishes at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth.

"There will be a bus leaving the school with bikes and riders aboard to get everyone to their start points and for all of those involved (including spectators) there is a party and barbecue at the finish line."

If you would like to sign up to ride and raise money for this worthwhile cause, search online for the 'Ysgol y Deri Taff Trail Challenge 2019' or follow the link to *www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ysgol-y-deri-taff-trail-challenge-2019-tickets-58154792550?aff=eac2.*

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Rogen and Theron's Long Shot hits the target

SINCE Seth Rogen announced himself on the big screen in 2005's *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, **he has gone on to show many facets of his ability, whether it's straight-ahead comedies, dramas and even a stab at a superhero film (2011's** *The Green Hornet*).

Rogen's latest film sees him star alongside Charlize Theron in *Long Shot*, where Rogen plays Fred Flarsky, a journalist who stumbles upon his first crush Charlotte Field – one of the most influential women in the world.

As she prepares to make a run for the Presidency, Charlotte hires Fred as her speechwriter and sparks fly between the two – but can their two worlds co-exist?

A romantic comedy is a difficult thing to get right; after all, not only are there so many out there, but also we're well aware of the rules of the genre, which often makes the journey to the end credits something pretty predictable.

While *Long Shot* doesn't rip up the rule book, it does do enough to make for an uproariously funny and sweet offering, one that gains no end of goodwill thanks to the smarts of the performances and the writing.

It helps that the set up isn't a familiar one, and it also allows the cast to play their roles perfectly. Seth Rogen is a natural comedian, a warm presence on which to anchor your film, and while his character doesn't wildly diverge from the type of roles he's played before in films of this ilk, he has enough winning charm to make him hugely likeable.

Charlize Theron may not be noted for comedy, but has worked with some top comedy directors and has yet to disgrace herself (we'll gloss over Seth McFarlane's *A Million Ways To Die In The West*), and while she has the straight role here, seeing her cut loose and share a great chemistry with Rogen makes the film all the more satisfying.

The pair's journey from old friends rekindling an association to love may carry some well-worn tropes, but the situations they find themselves in and the way they are presented means you won't be left feeling overly familiar, Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah's script making sure of that.

There's a robust backbone to the love plot which sees the impact of global media on politics and our perceptions of those in the public eye that beef up moments where the comedy naturally sags. It's more *Veep* than *The American President* in tone (and I mean that as a compliment to both), but it balances the laughs with a some slightly more serious moments that speak to the modern world.

Jonathan Levine's filmography has been somewhat stop-start, every *The Wackness* leavened by a *Snatched*, but he shows confidence here that highlights how good he can be. Having worked with Rogen twice before (in cancer dramedy *50/50* and 2015's *The Night Before*), it's clear that the pair share an easy chemistry, but Levine's strength is drawing strong turns not just from the central pair but also the likes of June Diane Raphael's flinty assistant, O'Shea Jackson, as Fred's best friend and Bob Odenkirk, as the incumbent President who wants to make the leap into movies.

The film does a stumble (as the majority of these films do) around the two-thirds stage, as plot contrivance means the laughs are swapped for emotion before the big climax, while the ending feels a little wrapped in a bow and doesn't quite have the same realism that the film has striven for from the get-go.

That said, given a laugh count that you don't normally find in a rom-com and some charming and hilarious performances from the cast, *Long Shot* hits the target in a film that is well worth your attention.

VERDICT: Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron make for a great pairing in *Long Shot*, a romantic comedy that does enough to pull away from genre type to make it a wholly worthwhile watch. Great performance, a script with one foot in the real world from Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah and Jonathan Levine's strong direction make this a huge success. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *Veep* (2012), *Knocked Up* (2007).

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Classic cars in Cardiff

ON Sunday, May 19, South Wales Classic Car Club, recently voted as one of the top 10 classic car clubs in the UK by readers of Practical Classics magazine, will be presenting their 34th annual classic car show at Cardiff City Football Stadium car park, off Leckwith Road, Cardiff, the fifth event at this venue.

The club, which was formed in 1983, has presented an annual show since 1985 and has donated over £200,000 to local charities.

The show is organised by members of the club with no outside sponsorship. Visitors are sure to have an enjoyable day out, with their attendance benefiting local charitable organisations.

Anyone with an interest in classic cars, whether they own one or not, is welcome to attend a regular club night at Pontyclun Athletic Club, Castan Road, Pontyclun. For further information, visit swccc.net or contact Chris Lewis on 01446 796601.

Discover the Vale Walking Festival as it celebrates its 10th birthday

WITH the Vale looking its stunning best this month, the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival launches a magical programme to celebrate its 10th year.

Organised by Valeways, the walking charity, the festival runs from May 21-26 and its theme is 'Discovery'.

The Vale has been called the UK's best kept secret. Explore those secrets close up when you join this year's programme of expertly guided walks.

Festival highlights include a trek round the thrilling terrain of Dunraven, with its tipsy cliffs and golden sands (iconic location site for Doctor Who); you can follow the footsteps of maverick Welsh historian Iolo Morgannwg; revisit the pretty village of Llancarfan with its famous medieval wall-paintings, and do some sleuthing around Victorian Barry Docks, exploring its murky history of murder, stabbings and ladies of the night.

Dates and details of all 28 free walks can be found at http://valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

Quiz and fair for Cancer Research UK

PENARTH committee for Cancer Research UK will be holding two summer events – a charity quiz night and a summer fair.

The quiz night will be at Penarth Conservative Club on Friday, June 14, doors open at 7pm and the first question at 7.30pm, with up to six people per team.

Contact the committee to register interest by email crukpenarth@outlook.com or by calling 02920 531933. The cost is £5 per head, which will include nibbles. There is also a bar and a raffle.

The second event is a summer fair at Penarth Conservative Club on Saturday, July 6, from 10am until 12 noon. Entry will be £1, which will include tea, coffee and biscuits. There will be the usual selection of stalls including home-made cakes, preserves and plants.

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TV's Weatherman Walking strolls through Porthcawl

WALES' favourite weatherman, Derek Brockway, is wrapping up his latest series of Weatherman Walking with a stroll to Southerndown from Porthcawl (Friday, May 17).

The eight-part series saw Derek hike along beautiful stretches of the 870-mile Welsh Coastal Path.

In the last episode, the meteorologist and rambler will embark on an 11-mile trek from the Porthcawl lighthouse. Derek calls in to the Coastwatch station to give local sailors a weather forecast before joining the lifeboat crew next door in a timed drill before carrying on along the coast.

His walk takes in Trecco Bay and Newtown beach before he crosses the Merthyr Mawr dunes, where he attempts some sand sledging. He then goes on to Ogmore to give his legs a rest by exploring the local landscape from horseback.

After joining a sea angler and trying his hand at fishing from the rocks, he embarks on the final section of his stroll. Accompanied by members of the Welsh Women Walking group, Derek draws the series to a close on Dunraven Beach in Southerndown.

Derek said: "This walk isn't too far for me to travel and I really enjoyed this one, as it took in the village of Merthyr Mawr and its thatched cottages. Visiting the dunes felt like being transported to another planet and I had a lot of fun sledging down the highest dune known as the 'Big Dipper'. The walk had a lot of variety and it was lovely to end on the beach looking out over the Bristol Channel."

Weatherman Walking can be seen next Friday (17 May, BBC One Wales, 7.30pm) or catch up on BBC iPlayer where maps of all Derek's walks can be downloaded.

Valeways walks

ON Friday, May 10 at 10am 'The Valley of the Stags' starting at The Six Bells, Penmark CF62 3BP.

On Sunday, May 12 at 2pm 'Around Llantwit Beach 2', starting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

On Wednesday, May 15 at 10.30am the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap.

Also on Wednesday, May 15 at 2.30pm the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

On Thursday, May 16 at 2.30pm, Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the cliff top car park.

Barry power station set to be demolished

A POWER station in the Vale is a step closer to being demolished after more than two decades in operation.

Barry Power Station stopped running on March 31 after its owner Centrica failed to secure a new contract to continue supplying electricity, which would have allowed the site to keep operating.

Centrica has now told the Vale Council it intends to demolish much of the site in Sully Moors Road, Sully including the 60m high stack, above ground installations, turbine hall, administration block, water treatment tank and oil tanks.

The 230MW gas fired power station had been running since September 1998 and up until its closure, had been supplying the National Grid when required on a short term contract.

After failing to secure another contract for the site, Centrica deemed Barry Power Station no longer commercially viable.

Barry Power Station had launched a consultation with staff on the planned closure last year and 19 jobs were put at risk.

In a statement to the council, the company said: "Centrica has worked extensively to explore options to retain the power plant as a part of the Centrica Power Plant portfolio. However, competition with newer, more efficient and flexible assets, has meant that the site has unfortunately reached the end of its viable life and Centrica have not managed to find an operational, or commercially viable, solution to retain this asset.

"Centrica ceased operations at the site on March 31, when all commercial obligations concluded; and are proposing to undertake demolition work to return the site to an appropriate condition."

Demolition works are expected to start by the summer and last for up to eight months.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Community Fund donation gives Scouts spring in their step

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group has become one of the first recipients of a new community initiative in south Wales.

The group has received £1,000 from the Barratt and David Wilson Homes Community Fund, which donates £1,000 each month to a charity or organisation which improves the quality of life for those living in the region.

Daniel Davies, chairman of 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group said the donation would be of huge assistance for the group and really boosts recognition of its activities and team efforts.

He said: "It is great to see a business supporting the local community which will help us complete our Scout hall with new disabled facilities, kitchen and function rooms. We have secured the main funding for the building work and this donation will help contribute to complete the final fit-out work."

Steve Williams, managing director of Barratt Homes in south Wales, said: "Being able to support organisations like this is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do."

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils win prizes at Art eisteddfod

SEVEN pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg - both primary and secondary, were successful at the arts and crafts competition at the county level of Eisteddfod yr Urdd.

The pupils who were awarded the prizes from the secondary were Mali Rhys-Dillon (year-9) and Osian-Wyn Perkins-Rudge (year-8).

From the primary were Lowri Thomas, Seren Thomas, Steffan Phillips, Taliesin Griffiths and Meagan Phillips. This year, the pupils reacted to the title 'Bwrlwm', which translates to 'hustle and bustle'. The whole school got creative as altogether, they enjoyed eight first prizes, four second prizes and and six third place.

They will now go on to compete at national level. All award-winning works will be displayed at the National Eisteddfod yr Urdd which will be held in Cardiff Bay.

The Eisteddfod will run from May 27 to June 1 with free entry to the stalls, and tickets for the pavilion on sale at www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/eisteddfod-2019/tickets/.

Council Leader sets date for departure

A NEW leader of the Vale Council could be appointed on May 20, it has been announced.

Council leader John Thomas was deposed as leader of the Vale Conservatives by Cllr Vincent Bailey following a party annual general meeting this week.

Cllr Thomas, who has already said he will step down, told a full council meeting on May 1 that he intends to stay on as leader until the new one has been appointed – which may be at the council's annual general meeting on May 20.

The outgoing leader said he was "disappointed" he did not have the support of the Conservative group but that he had led the group to the best of his ability.

He said it had "not been easy" to protect council services amid cuts to local government funding.

Delivering what promises to be his final speech as leader to full council, Cllr Thomas said he "did not take up the position of leader to be popular or further my own political ambitions" but instead to ensure Vale residents get the "best possible services".

"It would be easy to make decisions based on what the vocal minority may say in order secure votes in the next election. But what we must remember is many more vulnerable members of our society who rely on our services more than most do not have a voice, and probably many of them do not use their vote."

Cllr Thomas thanked councillors of all parties for "putting the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan first."

The leaders of Labour, Plaid Cymru and Llantwit First thanked Cllr Thomas for his work as leader and described him as "co-operative".

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Teaching the teachers is inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

St Cyres School assistant headteacher Robert Bruton (left) and headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks.

ST Cyres School, Penarth is a finalist in the Vocational Qualification (VQ) Awards 2019.

The school introduced the Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership and Management for its teaching staff in 2016, and its efforts have been recognised by making the final.

The school has enrolled a total of 20 learners, with a number going on to secure promotions as a direct result of the improved knowledge and understanding gained through the programme.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher said: "By investing in staff learning and development, the benefits have filtered through the school. As such, motivation and passion for learning has been infectious for our students.

"As a school, we actively encourage our aspiring leaders to undertake vocational qualifications and we positively promote parity of esteem between academic and vocational learning.

"As a learning organisation, we are passionate about empowering staff, not just enabling the modelling of learning to pupils, but growing learning leadership.

"We are delighted to be shortlisted for this year's VQ Awards."

The school has worked closely with Portal Training and Gwawr Booth, managing director of the company, said: "The school promotes a culture of distributed leadership. This is proving to have an impact upon their whole school improvement plan."

The winners will be announced on May 15. The awards are jointly organised by the Welsh Government, the National Training Federation for Wales (NTfW), ColegauCymru/CollegesWales, Qualifications Wales and

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HQ2 The Salon celebrate move to High Street

HQ2 The Salon recently held a launch party to celebrate their move to 11 High Street, Barry.

A spokesperson said: "What a huge success our launch party was. We would like to thank all our lovely clients who came and supported us! We feel very lucky that after 18 years we still have the support of our amazing clients.

"Also a huge thank you goes to our team at HQ2 – Lucy, Kate, Mollie and Georgia – for helping us make HQ2 such a success!"

What's on, and where?

AM surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB Offices, Barry, CF62 7TZ on Saturday, May 11 from 10am-11am; no appointment necessary.

Llantwit Repair Cafe

THE Repair Cafe will be back in Llantwit Major Saturday, May 11 from 10am until noon in Bethel church hall.

New this month we will be offering free safety checks for bicycles, both for children and adults, in readiness for good cycling weather over the summer. Our team of volunteers have already been challenged with a wide range of portable household items, so please feel free to challenge us some more, while we have a cafe alongside with refreshments! We do not charge to fix an item, unless replacement parts are needed. Hope to see you there.

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Andrew RT Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery on Saturday, May 11 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. No appointment necessary.

Dementia Friends coffee morning

LLANTWIT Major Dementia Friends are holding their inaugural coffee morning from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 11 at Llantonian Hall.

The group are setting out to make Llantwit Major a dementia friendly town through offering support and training to residents, businesses and community groups.

Barry RNLI MAYDAY!

COME along and see us on the promenade at Barry Island and help #savelivesatsea!

Fun for all the family on Sunday, May 12 from 11am – 5pm; free entry with eco-friendly stalls, games, food, choir, brass band, and an exercise by the Barry Lifeboat.

Try paddle boarding or sea rowing! Meet some of the RNLI crew and our mascot Stormy Stan - an event not to be missed!

Plant sale

LLANMAES village host their annual Plant Sale in the village hall on Sunday, May 12 from 11am to 3pm.

A variety of bedding plants, shrubs, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and vegetables at competitive prices; delicious cream teas and raffle.

Plant donations gratefully received - contact Jackie Wright on 07976 698325/01446 796605 or at jackievewright@gmail.com.

Highlight Park cuppa

HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa will be open from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday, May 13 in the Highlight Park Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to take the opportunity to call in, meet new friends and have a pleasant social hour.

Penarth Civic Society

THE society is holding an event on Thursday, May 16 at St Augustine's Hall at 7pm: Dr Jonathan Hicks on 'The Penarth VCs - Wain Pearce and Gibson'.

Military historian and St Cyres School headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks, author of several books on Wales and the First World War, tells the stories behind Penarth's three Victoria Cross winners. Captain Richard Wain won his commanding tanks at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917. Sergeant Samuel Pearse was awarded the VC for bravery in north Russia in 1919. Both of these were awarded posthumously. Wing Commander Guy Gibson won his for leading the famous 'Dambusters' raid in 1943. This is an illustrated talk, free to members, £2 for non-members.

Advice at Age Connects

ARE you disabled or have difficulty accessing public transport?

Greenlinks Community Transport in the Vale offers door to door service and has four accessible mini buses which are disabled friendly. It also offers weekly 'on demand' on certain services. Why not come along on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon for free advice?

Legal advice

A free legal advice session will take place on Will making, Power of Attorney and Living Wills with an advisor from a legal team based in Barry on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

Care and repair

Are you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale and need advice or support on repairs or home improvements to make life easier?

Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes, give advice on grants available and supply information on reputable companies to use.

A drop-in information session takes place on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

All sessions take place at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop at 38, Holton Road, Barry. No appointments needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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Journalism Matters

13th - 19th May 2019

Why 'Journalism matters' in a world where fake news and misinformation needs to be reined in...

ONCE again this year, The GEM is proud to take part in a week that highlights the contribution made to society by local newspapers.

Readers with good memories will probably remember 'Local Newspaper Week' but this year, the News Media Association (NMA) has announced that the annual event will now be known as 'Journalism Matters' – to highlight the role that local newspapers can play in an increasingly fragmented news agenda.

'Journalism matters' will take place between May 13 and May 19, and will include the Society of Editors Regional Press Awards, at which the annual 'Making a Difference' award for the best local newspaper campaign, as voted for by the public, will be announced.

NMA chairman David Dinsmore, News UK chief operating officer, said: "The role of news media holding power to account is more important now than it ever has been.

"The new Journalism Matters campaign will boldly and unashamedly champion journalism as a force for good in our society."

NMA vice chairman Henry Faure Walker, Newsquest chief executive, added: "Local media is the most trusted source for local news and information; more than three times more trusted than social media.

"As a sector, we must continue to remind all our audiences of the essential role local news brands play in communities the length and breadth of the UK, and Journalism Matters will provide us with a strong platform to do just that."

So, where does the claim that local media is more trusted come from?

Last year, Yougov carried out a survey where it was revealed that 74 per cent of respondents said they trust the news and information in their local newspaper, whether online or in print.

Local commercial TV and radio stations were only fractionally behind, with a trust level of 73 per cent, while information from search engines and other websites is trusted by 43 per cent and 39 per cent of people respectively.

Social media came bottom in the poll with just 22 per cent of the 2,131 UK adults surveyed online agreeing they trusted the news and information they see on sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Of course, the existence of fake news is no surprise. Everyone knows about it and everyone looks out for it – don't they?

Well, perhaps they do, but the danger is when that 'fake news' happens to reinforce what the reader believed already.

Gradually, readers find that more and more news that comforts and reassures their established outlook finds its way to their social media.

Crucially, less and less arrives that challenges their world view and 'filter bubbles' – as they are now known – are created.

As well as covering the local stories that matter to our readers the most, The GEM is also keen to support the local community - pictured here at the Bro Radio Community Awards, The GEM sponsored the Making a Difference Through Business award, which was presented to Tony Hopkins (centre) of High Street Traders.

Over the last five years, the creation of these filter bubbles has led to bigger and bigger divisions in society.

Putting it simply, a social media news fan will say: "*You* are in a filter bubble, whereas I happen to have well-informed friends."

We live in a world where fake news travels around the world in a few minutes.

Worse still, when that news, over the course of a few days, is revealed to be fake, it doesn't disappear for good. Instead, it will often lie low for months until a new social media reader comes across it, likes what he/she sees, and shares it around the world all over again.

What can local journalism do to counteract the the social media behemoths?

Well, the truth is, not a massive amount on our own, but we can act as a filter – separating the opinions that correspondents hold from the (sometimes) dubious facts that they offer to support those opinions.

It's not easy, and we take a fair bit of flak for it, but we do our best.

Local journalists, including our colleagues on the Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) try to suppress their own opinions and offer instead a straightforward account of what is happening in your area.

Do you want to know what is going on at your council? With local planning applications? We will do our best to bring you the facts as simply as possible. Once those facts are out there, then we welcome people's reaction to those facts – reactions from politicians and campaigners but, especially from 'ordinary' people.

We may not always succeed in doing this, but we try.

We also try, in our old-fashioned way, to keep disagreements between correspondents civil, without unpleasant personal insults. That's getting to be difficult these days too!

Local journalism does something else for society too, and this can be under-rated.

We celebrate and report on the everyday activities that are the social glue of a decent and caring society.

WI reports, ramblers' groups, sports reports, local history, local fauna and flora, choirs, groups that work to help others less fortunate, volunteers who keep so many things that we value in society ticking over – we are happy to report on them all.

In a world where the news is often bad and getting worse, where chaos and confusion and natural disasters happen every day – not close to you but somewhere, local newspapers can remind people that the world isn't necessarily going to hell in a hand cart.

There are still many good people out there doing good things.

And from our point of view, these reports tend to have very little fake news in them!

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Awards evening celebrates good citizens!

The Mayor presenting a citizen of the year award to Kate Thomas.

Cllr Gwen Baty presenting an award for citizen of the year jointly to Richard and Judy Browning.

Valerie Ellis accepting the young citizen award on behalf of Sophie Ellis.

The winners. (ALL PICTURES BY MIKE WILCOCK)

Cllr Leighton Rowlands and Cllr Terry Williams with representatives of the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club.

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council recently held its Citizens Award event in the Bear Hotel - an evening aiming to acknowledge the contribution of local people to the town in a variety of areas.

The award categories were: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Senior Sports Personality of the Year; Service to the Community; The Mayor's award; Honorary Citizenship Award.

A Citizen of the Year award went to Kate Thomas, the chairman of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, for her work in promoting the town.

The citation read: "The Christmas lights in the High Street are almost solely down to her single-minded efforts to overcome a variety of obstacles.

"Also, it was her initiative to enter the National High Street competition, where the town was successful in winning the 'Rising Star' award."

Richard Browning and his wife Judy jointly received a Citizen of the Year award, recognising their work on the Old Hall Gardens project, and also for their church.

The citation thanked him for putting to use his extensive horticultural knowledge – he was a lecturer at Pencoed College – to good use in "transforming the landscape".

He was praised for managing the Work Party, giving each member something worthwhile and interesting to do.

The citation praised Judy for her work supporting the sick and elderly in their homes, and in transporting people to hospital appointments.

As a couple, they have, for many years, trained guide dogs for the blind.

The Young Citizen of the Year award went to Sophie Ellis Hunt for her work in the community, including helping in after school clubs and in a local stables with the pony club.

The Senior Sports Personality of the Year went to Tom Merilaht of Cowbridge Cricket Club.

As was reported last week by the cricket club, Tom has been a stalwart of the club, opening the batting for 11 years now, and last year the 29-year-old had a stellar season, where he and his fellow opening bat, Ben Wright, set a stack of club batting records.

Over 16 games, Tom averaged 154.14, being not out nine times - a remarkable achievement for an opening bat.

A Service to the Community award went to the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club committee: Betty Alden; Sue Edwards; Ann Roach; Olive Rawson and Kay Edwards.

The citation read: "For over 40 years, this dedicated group of volunteers have been holding a 'Monday Club' for adults over 16 years with learning disabilities, once a month.

"They also organise an annual day trip, and an annual evening meal in the Bear Hotel."

A second 'service to the community' award went to the 'Love Cowbridge Hate Litter' group, who organise regular litter picks around the town.

The Honorary Citizenship award went to David Howell, who has organised the Cowbridge and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the past seven years.

The giant poppies that adorn Cowbridge lampposts, detailing the history of Cowbridge men who were lost in conflict, were introduced by Mr Howell.

Over the last seven years, the Poppy Appeal has raised £118,000, with the most recent year setting a new record of £21,000.

Finally, the Mayor presented four 'Mayor's Awards' to the following citizens.

• Cllr Jon Harris in recognition of his 26 years of service as a town councillor.

• Mr David Weber for his work with the Scouts for many years, in particular organising the Christmas Post. He also volunteers as a 'listener' helping pupils in a local primary school practice their reading skills.

• Moya Vahey was honoured for teaching ballet in the town for over 50 years.

• Gill Clay was honoured for her time (more than 50 years) helping the Guides and Scout movements in Cowbridge.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR MORE PICTURES

What's on, and where?

Cowbridge U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Search for My Father; a light-hearted look at Family History' by Sally Mabey at 10am on Thursday, May 16 in Cowbridge Town Hall, in the main hall.

Visitors welcome: there is a small fee. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.

MP's surgery

ARE you living in Vale and need some advice on a local issue?

Alun Cairns MP will hold an advice surgery from 9.30am to 10.30am for his constituents at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Friday, May 17. No appointment is needed; just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Barry War Museum

TWO presentations will take place at the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station on Wednesday, May 15.

From 7pm–7.30pm a brief briefing (imagined) on the situation in south Wales as of May 15 1944: 'The Lead Up to D-Day: Just What's Going On?' by Glenn Booker, chair of Barry At War group.

Then at 8pm – 9pm the story of a US Army Ordnance Company based in south Wales in 1943-1944; their time at G.40 Sully before moving to Cardigan, then on June 6 leaving Cardigan to go to Normandy. This is by Andrea Sutcliffe from the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA whose father was a member of the 111th Ordnance Company and whose mother was a Welsh GI bride. Andrea comes to Wales from France having traced the course of her father's company from Omaha Beach across France towards Germany.

Free admission, cup of tea provided.

Bingo caller wanted!

The RAFA Club Porthcawl are looking for a volunteer bingo caller for its Wednesday night bingo session between 7.30pm and 10pm. If interested, please contact the club on 01656 782802.

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MPN Windows rejoins the 'Independent Network' family

FAMILY-OWNED MPN Windows, Doors and Conservatories has become a member of a prestigious national trade body and has also recently become accredited as a 'Which Magazine Trusted Trader'.

Independent Network only accepts the country's most professional window and door companies, and each one must undergo rigorous vetting before being allowed to join, and display the IN branding. Companies like MPN must then agree to continuous auditing to ensure they maintain that same level of absolute professionalism.

Paul Webster, owner of MPN explained: "Independent Network imposes very strict criteria on its members; we must commit to using exceptional quality VEKA materials and every single one of our customers is given a customer satisfaction report to complete, which is sent directly back to the organisation – so they can make sure we are as good as our word when it comes to quality products and installations.

"In this way, IN can be sure that we continue to operate to the highest standards and they are happy to offer our customers a fantastic 10-year insurance-backed guarantee.

"This provides complete peace of mind for customers. They can rest assured that their investment is safe and protected, and they can see – at a glance – that we carry the Independent Network logo, which signifies that we're among the top VEKA fitters in the UK.

"We were award-winning members of the organisation for many years, back when it was known as Network VEKA, and then we changed PVC-U suppliers and were no longer eligible. Although the quality of our products was still good, we are so committed to customer satisfaction that we decided to make the move back to VEKA PVC-U so that we could rejoin the network and offer our customers all the benefits that go with it.

"Benefits include things like deposit protection, insurance-backed guarantees, finance options and a phenomenal choice of window styles and colours, to name just a few."

Independent Network's Karen Lund said: "It's been great to welcome MPN back to the organisation. The company has won numerous awards for customer satisfaction over the years, and we know that the team represent everything we want to see from an IN member.

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Good friends and family remember Cowbridge man who was a 'special person'

FAMILY, friends and army colleagues gathered in Cowbridge last weekend to remember Tom 'Pies' Clarke, a special person who, with other brave army personnel, was taken from us on a mission in Afghanistan five years ago.

On Saturday, the group set off to the picturesque Porthcawl area, making several stops to rehydrate. On the Sunday, the same group, with a few sore heads, enjoyed a game of touch rugby on the club field.

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg students shine in public speaking contest

ON April 27, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's public speaking team represented Wales in the English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking competition.

The competition had over 1,200 entrants and the eight teams competed in the UK grand final at Churchill College, Cambridge.

Rhys Griffiths, year-11 pupil and speaker for the YGBM team was awarded 'Outstanding Personality' for the competition. Rhys was accompanied by his team mates, Sara Jones: chair and Morgan Bailey: questioner. He spoke on the topic 'We should lower the voting age to 16'.

The Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza was one of the judges and commented on the speakers' performance by saying: "They were absolutely wonderful. There was passion, there was style, enormous content and structure and I was hugely impressed in the way they marshalled very complex material."

Another judge Susie Fowler-Watts, a journalist with BBC East, added: "The competition was the most impressive yet, and gives me hope and optimism for our country's future."

YGBM sixth form pupil Huw Jones was the timekeeper for the competition and also presented an opening speech. Huw is a former PSC winner and World Schools Debating Competition Wales team member. This year's winning team were Pate's Grammar School representing the Midland region.

Elena Morgan, the school's English teacher, commented: "YGBM is very proud of our public speaking team reaching the UK grand final. All schools presented to an extremely high standard which made for an exciting competition. Da iawn, Rhys, for winning 'Outstanding Personality' and to the whole team for representing Wales so well."

(Left to right): Rhys Griffiths, Morgan Bailey, Sara Jones.

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What's on and where?

Family History talk

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will take place on Monday, May 20 when Fl. Lt. Robert Taylor will talk about RAF Stormy Down and the Welsh Dam Busters.

The talk will take place at the Len Evans Centre off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RF at 7.30pm; members of the public welcome.

Tax help

ARE you worried about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop run a monthly tax advice surgery available to anyone over the age of 50.

A session will be held on Monday, May 20 from 9.30am-11.30am. Advice is free and no appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Fibromyalgia support

DO you have fibromyalgia? Maybe you are a carer looking after a loved one and are looking for advice or support groups in local area.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session on Tuesday, May 21 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed; just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Celtic seconds bid farewell to captain Keith

Keith Stone and Ian Herbert.

MAESTEG Celtic RFC seconds played local rivals Nantyffyllon at Garth Park for their last game of the season.

Captain Keith Stone had decided once more to retire from playing rugby and was clapped into the field.

The game was played in good spirit with both teams playing attractive rugby on a lovely evening.

Nanty fielded a big pack and commanded the scrums and mauls in the first half but were unable to break the Celtic defence of captain Keith Stone, veteran Ian Herbert, Anthony Gibbons and Alun Evans.

The home team opened the scoring when centre Rhodri Thomas kicked a penalty to the corner and number eight Nathan Adams won the line out. The pack combined well to drive the visitors over their try line for flanker Jonathan Davies to score.

Celtic's second try was similar when prop Jay Whelan broke clear and took the ball into the Nanty 22 and forced them to concede a line out.

Once again the forwards combined to give prop Tom Evans the touchdown. Nanty responded when a Celtic error gave them possession in the home 22 and they used the ball well to score.

The Celtic backs were not to be left out. Young outside half Cody John moved quick ball via centres Lewis David and Rhodri Thomas so wing Neil Arthur could run clear.

He drew the defence and passed inside to full back Ben Poole who was stopped illegally.

Poole took the resulting penalty quickly and ran in under the posts. Rhodri Thomas converted. Hooker Morgan Reeves, who was having a great game, was rewarded with the fourth try.

The second half was evenly contested with neither side dominating. Coach Kieran Power rotated the substitutes so that Shaun Raymond, Gareth Blackwell, Grant Healey and Tyler Buckley had a run out.

Man of the match went to scrum half Liam Healey, who was ever alert, and pounced on a loose ball from a visitors' scrum in their 22 to sprint through for the final try.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

BRIDGEND Athletic under-13s travelled to attend the Abergavenny tournament for the first time on May 4, coming away as tournament champions winning by all five games.

With five other teams attending from the home side, Cardiff and as far away as south London the Ath knew they were in for a long day. The team started off slowly against Cardiff side St Peters in game three of the pool but managed to string enough phases together on quite a narrow pitch to come out 15-10 winners.

Next up was another Cardiff-based team, Llandaff North and the Ath running game was starting to show as they ran in four unanswered tries, winning 20-0.

The games that had already been played in the pool showed the next two games for the Ath were going to be the toughest, with the English side from Warlingham in game three.

The side really came out of the blocks against top level opposition and were soon 10-0 to the good. Warlingham did come back into it, to score twotries of their own but not before the Ath had scored the winning try and running out 15-10 victors.

Llantwit Fardre were next and it turned into another close affair with the Ath defence coming out on top while scoring two tries of their own, winning score 10-0.

The last game was against the home side Abergavenny who brought a different challenge with a big pack of forwards, but after a long day the team were not going to be beaten, showing great handling skills and emerging 20-10 winners.

No Athletic players should be singled out, except captain Harry Griffiths who led from the front and won player of the tournament, as it was a real team effort.

The under-15s entered Burryport 7s Festival with a squad of 12 selected.

The first game saw the Ath opposed by Narberth, running out 35-5 winners, and then they faced a strong Aberdare side who tested their defence, but the Ath stayed composed and took their opportunities brilliantly winning the game 25-10.

The third game was Burryport Reds. The Ath forced Burryport into making errors and the team finished the game with a 35-0 win.

The last of the pool games was Burryport Blues who played very much like their Red side. The Ath picked up on this and again moved the ball at every opportunity to the flyers out wide, resulting in the Ath running out 35-5 winners.

Although winning every pool game, there was a final to be played against pool runners-up Aberdare.

With the emphasis on keeping their concentration and giving one last big effort the boys didn't disappoint and kept their best until last running out more than worthy winners 30-0.

The coaches were extremely proud of the performances and rightly so, scoring 32 tries and only conceding four all day.

The under-7s took a squad of 21 players to the festival, and two teams were entered to maximise players' game time.

It was a great ending to a great first season, amazing effort by all the players involved.

The under-8s also attended the festival and the Ath boys ran in a plethora of spectacular tries and gave the opposition a hard time with their pace and direct rugby, clocking up 11 wins and two draws.

Opposition coaches were praising the players on their ability and skill which only goes to show how much they have improved as a team over the year.

The under-9s were also at the festival, playing a total of five games and winning them all.

Their opponents were Swansea Uplands, Loughor, Felinfoel, Llangennech and Pontardulais. Well done to all players involved, you all did yourselves and the club proud.

The under-11s wrapped up their season with a trip to the Burryport festival.

Up first for the Ath was Llanelli Wanderers, who looked big and organised. Fortunately for us they didn't start well, and six tries were scored quickly by the boys ending the game early. Next up was Pontardulais who were again dispatched early with the six try rule, the score 7-1.

Merthyr Greens were the next opponents, and the Ath won 5-1. Merthyr fielded two teams and their yellows were next up, this again finished early with six good quick tries scored.

After a quick break Morriston were our next opponents and the Ath won 4-1. In the penultimate game we faced the hosts Burryport, and the Ath won 6-0.

In their final game the Ath faced Loughor. They knew this was going to be a tough test with Loughor narrowly defeating them previously this season. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

It was tour time for the under-14s with a trip to Tenby and games against Neyland and another touring side, Old Colfeians RFC from London.

First up the Ath played Neyland, and the Ath boys went on to win comfortably, 32-0. Old Colfs then also beat Neyland so the Ath knew they would be in for a tougher game but from the start the forwards and backs combined to pressure the opposition and scored four good tries to run out comfortable winners, 22-0.

The current Athletic first team is made up of almost 90 per cent of players who have progressed from the mini and junior production line.

With the success of the teams and recent under-16 Ospreys Cup finalists, and with 11 of the under-14 squad assisting Brynteg to win the Welsh Schools Year 9 Cup, it appears the future of the club is in good hands.

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Rampant Tondu Youth take top spot

Joe Neill (left) and Sam Neill (right) - brothers first game together for Tondu youth.

HAVING played Penclawdd in pre-season, Tondu knew they were in for a tough encounter away from home.

As the game kicked off, Tondu were determined to get on the front foot. A driving lineout in the corner stopped short, led to a few phases before youth captain Bowen Davies crashed over the line on his return after a long absence due to injury.

Next to score was Stef Lewis – the powerful number 8 was hard to bring down all afternoon and his try, converted by Jacob Thomas made it 12-0 to Tondu.

After some interplay within the backs, and a burst of pace from the debutant Sam Neill from the under-16s, who got caught inches from the line after a 50-metre run, his offload to Morgan Boobyer saw him score in the corner.

Penclawdd were determined to get back into the game, and their full-back got Penclawdd on the scoreboard to make it 19-7.

Tondu didn't want to let Penclawdd get back into the game and Jacob Thomas ran down the wing to dive over in the corner to make it 24-7. Another try came from the debutant Sam Neill, who was on superb form, running from his 10-metre line to dive over in the corner again.

Penclawdd started to attack again, putting Tondu on the back foot. Tondu gave away a penalty just 10 metres out, but prop Dayton Owen went in with a no-arms tackle and was given a yellow card. Penclawdd were also awarded a penalty try to make it 29-14.

The second half saw Tondu open up, Morgan Boobyer getting his second of the afternoon to make it 36-14, before Rio Davies got his first try of the season after showing his strength to fend defenders away from him to make it 41-14.

Back row Tom Painter came on to score his 12th try of the season but Penclawdd answered with another try to get the score to 46-19.

Mason Hughes showed some individual brilliance to burst through the midfield 50 metres out, and beat defenders before knocking the last defender out the way and scoring under the sticks to make it 53-19, before outside half Jacob Thomas got himself another try to make it 58-19.

Youngster Neill was able to score again on a perfect debut and to finish the game off, Tom Painter scored again to end the game early and get his 13th of the season. The final score was 70-19.

Joe Allen

Third place finish for Bridgend Athletic RFC

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Centre Tom Jenkins played in all 22 league games and 23 games overall. Matthew Muir and Jonathan Stoker also completed 23 games. Captain Ben Howe, Wayne Fooks & Sean Williams were one behind on 22.

On 21 were Ben Cording, Tom Davies, Lee Murphy and Aled Thomas, while Ben Davies played 19 times.

Luke Bevan, returning from a long injury to play in only the last seven games, was top points scorer with 69. Ben Howe led the try scorers with eight followed by Dan James with six, Ben Davies, Tom Davies, Will Barraclough and Aled Thomas five and Ben Cording four.

Major milestones during the season saw Wayne Fooks play his 300th first XV game and 378th senior appearance, Jonathon Stoker his 300th senior appearance and 250th first XV game, while Ben Howe and Mathew Norman both made their 100th first XV appearance.

The second XV's WRU Conference statistics were P11, W6, L5, PF 189, PA 237, TF 26, TA 34, Points 29.

Wing Ryan Pickford played in all 11 league games and 13 overall. Next best appearances were player manager Liam Griffiths and Josh Seldon with 11 games. Lewis Dando, Lloyd Pemberton, Aled Pilliner and Callum Swinford made 10 appearances, Joe Symons nine, Alex Borley and Scott Jones eight, Hywel Cosby seven, while Andrew Brown, Lewis Down, Ellis James and Nick Jones finished on 6.

Scott Jones was leading points scorer with 51, top try scorer was Ryan Pickford with four followed by Josh Seldon, Scott Jones, Hywel Cosby and Harry Griffiths with two apiece.

Major milestones in the second XV were 100 senior appearances during the season for Andrew Brown, Rhys Jones and Nick Jones.

Next up for Bridgend Athletic is the player of the year night at the Heronston Hotel on Saturday, June 1 and finding out which Division 1 league the WRU will ask the first XV team to play in next season. Head coach John Apsee is confident if the side stay together, they have a chance of winning whatever league they play in.

The club wish local side Bridgend all the best with their efforts to retain their Premiership status this season, and 10 players originating from Bridgend Athletic have played for the Ravens this season - backs Mike Powell, Stuart Floyd-Ellis, Caine Woolerton and Dan James and forwards Rhodri Apsee, Iestyn Merriman, Lloyd Ashley, Chris John, Tom Morgan and Joe Grabham.

Powell, Woolerton, James, Ellis, Apsee and Grabham have also turned out for the Athletic this season.

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‘Mr Sleek’ recalls ‘emotional pain’ that took him to 27 stone!

AFTER losing more than 13 stone, Martin Woodsford of Penarth says that for the first time he is “living the dream’ and has a happy relationship and is loving his new career, helping others change their lives for the better too.

At his heaviest, Martin weighed over 27 stone when he was bingeing on take-aways and junk food and up to 10 chocolate bars a day.

He now weighs just over 14 stone, and is helping others lose weight and inspiring others with almost 40,000 followers on Instagram.

Admitting to himself that he had a problem wasn’t easy for Martin, who suffered years of abuse as a child and later anorexia, bulimia and depression.

Martin, now 47, said: “Things were pretty grim, I lived in fear every day as a child and was taken into care at the age of 11. As a skinny child being withheld food, I grew up in care and was introduced to fatty foods that I’d never had before and I couldn’t get enough of them!”

Before he was taken into care, he was beaten, kicked and even had cigarettes stubbed out on his skin.

Martin was taken from his home in Newport where he wasn’t given much to eat and he was eventually put into a residential school for abused children in Chepstow. It gave him a “lifeline of hope”.

He said: “To have my clothes I wore on my back to be clean, to sleep in a normal bed with sheets and a duvet instead of a threadbare mattress on a concrete floor with a folded teddy as a pillow and an old coat as my only warmth in the winter months on my bed helped to build my confidence a little.”

But Martin’s mental health started to suffer as he got older.

“I knew I had to leave the school and would be facing the big bad world all alone with no family and no one to fall back on.

“I felt stranded and tossed out on a limb with no love or support and it was around the same time that I developed bulimia. It was the one and only way I could control anything in my life.

ABOVE LEFT: Martin before, and ABOVE RIGHT: Martin after.

“I felt I would never be able to have a relationship and a family of my own.”

Martin said his bulimia got so bad in his early 20s that he was eventually hospitalised after being below 9 stone. Martin is 6’2’.

He underwent counselling and was prescribed medication. Later, in his 30s, he developed an eating pattern of binge eating and dieting.

Nothing worked until something happened which made it spiral out of control.

“My ex-partner became pregnant in 2004 with triplets. There were so many complications with the pregnancy, including my son having a grade three brain bleed and brain swelling.

“It was rewarding because we had our beautiful babies but life-wrenching because you couldn’t enjoy all the special things new parents are supposed to enjoy,” he said.

“I would have a full Indian take-away but would still eat stuff in my house – anything to binge on. I could eat 10 chocolate bars a day and nothing seemed to make me feel any better.”

Martin’s relationship later came to an end and he came out as gay in his 40s.

“It was an awful time, but liberating at the same time,” he said.

“I felt I would be judged, but I had to do it and be true to myself. All my friends said they knew before I did, but I really didn’t.

“I had counselling a few years ago and the counsellor really helped me understand that I had suppressed being gay because of the abuse I had suffered earlier in my life and with the need to have that perfect family that everyone dreams about.”

Martin joined Slimming World in 2014 and lost 13 stone - dropping from 27 stone to just over 14 stone and won Mr Sleek UK.

Martin added: “I’ve learnt so much with Slimming World. It’s not only changed my life, but given me a life I never thought possible helping others to achieve their dreams too.”

Martin is now an award-winning Slimming World consultant and team developer.

Martin also runs his own groups, on Mondays at Elfed Avenue United Church in Penarth at 5.30pm and 7.30pm, and on Saturday mornings at Colcot Community Centre in Barry at 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

For more information, call 07444 374377 or follow Martin on Instagram at mr_slimmingworld .

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Over the last 12 months Knights have sold 97 per cent of their housing stock for full asking price, and they are one of the leading letting agents in the area.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the team at Knights are inviting all clients, past, present and future, to a coffee morning in their sales office at 11am on Thursday, May 16.

Complimentary tea, coffee and cake will be provided, and they will also be holding a charity raffle in aid of the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale Hospice in Penarth.

“We want to give something back to the community which has supported us, so everyone is invited to join the celebration,” said Carey. “The last 25 years have been fantastic, and we are expecting the next 25 years to be even better.”

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Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Llandow on Friday, 17th May at 11.30am, followed by private interment in the churchyard.

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BUMFORD
Alan

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Alan will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Alan is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his funeral service on Wednesday, 15th May at 1pm at A.G. Adams Chapel, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Alan, may be made to British Heart Foundation.

WAITE
Joyce Vera

Peacefully on Tuesday, 30th April at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 101 years.

Joyce will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

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BELL
Joyce Nancy

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STEELE
Avril

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BOWSHER
Malcolm Clifford

Passed away on Wednesday, 1st May at his home in Rhoose surrounded by all his family. Beloved husband of Jane, loving father of Rhos, Joanne, son-in-law Matt and daughter-in-law Joelle, brother to Graeme. Much loved grampy to Henri, Harley, Roni, Frankie and Reuben.

Mal was a larger than life character who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 14th May, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

Acknowledgements

LEWIS
Cliff

Catherine, Craig and Charlene would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support received on the passing of Cliff.

Special thanks to Canon Pat O'Gorman for a lovely service. Also, thanks to Lyndsay Ellis and staff at The Vale Funeral service for their care and for all the donations received for charity.

BOWEN
Malcolm John

The family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support on the sad passing of Malcolm.

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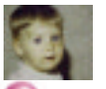

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Barry Town United teams claim a hat-trick of South Wales FA Cup wins

SATURDAY, May 4 saw the women and girls South Wales FA Cup finals take place at Penybont FC, Bridgend with Barry Town United Ladies represented in all three age groups for the first time in their history.

The under-14s team.

First up the under-14s took on Pencoed Boys & Girls Club in what proved to be a thriller of a cup final.

Barry had recently secured the league title but they missed out on a cup competition last season with an extra-time defeat to the same opposition in the League Cup, so there was plenty riding on this fixture.

Barry took an early first half lead when Emilie John finished off a good move before calmly slotting past the goalkeeper but the lead lasted just 10 minutes as Pencoed equalised with a shot from the edge of the area going in off the post.

The score remained 1-1 at the break which was a fair reflection of the first period. However Barry came racing out of the blocks in the second half and put Pencoed under severe pressure which finally told when John once again found space following a great passage of play to put Barry back in front.

John was to have a memorable day, sealing her hat-trick just minutes later, rounding the keeper to put Barry into a 3-1 lead.

Just as it looked Barry had moved out of sight, Pencoed rallied and stunned Barry with two quick fire goals to make it 3-3.

It was very much on with five minutes to go but there was to be one last twist. A Barry corner was only partially cleared to the edge of the area where Faith Mulenga swivelled and stuck a looping shot over the goalkeeper to give Barry a 4-3 win in the last minute of the game.

In the **under-16 final** Barry took on Cardiff City Ladies for the second year in succession.

The Vale-based club took control and scored after seven minutes when Ella Hilliard struck a measured left foot shot into the corner of the net.

Barry doubled their lead 12 minutes later when an in-swinging corner from Hilliard deflected off a Cardiff defender and spun into the net to make it 2-0.

Captain Caitlin Meadows made it 3-0 before half-time with a well-timed header from another Hilliard corner to give Barry a commanding lead.

The second half followed a similar pattern and Taite Trivett got in on the act to make it 4-0 to Barry with a calm finish.

Hilliard was involved yet again for Barry's fifh goal, striking home a well-placed shot to make it 5-0 and there was time for one more as substitute Elen Matthews netted late on to round off a 6-0 win for Barry and complete and excellent overall team performance.

Barry Town Ladies went into their cup final against Merthyr Town looking to retain the trophy that they won for the first time the previous season.

This also turned out to be a highly entertaining final with Barry going into the game as favourites against a Merthyr side who possess a strong attacking line-up.

Barry made the first breakthrough as Charlotte Preen won possession and laid the ball off to Ellen Phillips whose perfectly-weighted through ball found Sian Rees, who raced through on goal before slotting past the goalkeeper to make it 1-0.

The score remained 1-0 at th break, but the second half proved to be a rollercoaster as the game came to life just two minutes into the second period.

A misplaced pass from the Barry midfield found Isabelle Kaler who raced through to score a well-taken goal to get Merthyr on level terms.

Not long after, Barry restored their lead, through a fabulous free kick from Preen which went over the goalkeeper.

However, once more Barry's lead was shortlived as Merthyr responded for a second time to make it 2-2.

The game was in the balance with 15 minutes to go but a tactical switch saw Deacon move into a striker role alongside Rees, which turned the game back in Barry's favour.

Firstly a great through ball from Rees found Deacon who rounded the keeper and laid the ball off to Preen to finish off a great move to make it 3-2, and then, with little time remaining, Barry secured the win as another through ball from Rees found Deacon one on one with the goalkeeper and she placed the ball into the net to make it 4-2 and give Barry a deserved win in what proved to be an excellent final.

After the game, manager Luke Williams commented: "This is a great day not just for the ladies but the club as a whole. We are making excellent progress and I believe the best is yet to come and this is just the start of what we are developing for the next few years."

LW

Vale Cricket Club start the season with a pair of wins

WITH the new start time of 12.30pm, Vale CC firsts were on the road early as they travelled to Usk in order to play Monkswood.

Vale expected a tough fixture from a team that had finished right behind Vale in last year's table.

New first team captain Brendan McCay won the toss and elected to bowl. Openers Darren Upham and Joe Hodges got to work on a track that took considerable pace off the bowling.

Hodges (2-4) took the first of his two wickets thanks to a well-taken catch from Richie Humphreys who waited a long time under the high ball as it swirled in the wind.

Hodges' second wicket came in the fourth over as he bowled Monkswood's captain M Jones (8). Upham (2-29) then got in on the wicket taking action by removing the dangerous M Watkins (14) as he gloved one behind to keeper Harry Withers.

Upham's's consistent and nagging line proved difficult for the Monkswood batsman as they looked for ways to score off his bowling, leading to his second wicket, caught by captain Brendan McCay at mid on.

The next bowling partnership of Sean Rowlands (3-41) and Alex Upham (1-45) saw Monkswood open up as their accelerators and big hitters entered the crease.

Rowlands maintained his consistent line and length, refusing to be put off by the aggressive intentions of the batsmen as he bowled one and had two caught in the field by Joe Hodges (catching J Weller who top scored with 27) with Richie Humphreys catching Sean's third wicket.

Alex Upham then got in on the action removing A Malson (24) as he too was caught behind by keeper Harry Withers.

The final wicket was claimed by Dean Oram who took a straight-forward catch off his own bowling. Vale looked good and backed up some good bowling with solid fielding, taking their chances when they came restricting, Monkswood to 133 all out.

After tea Vale looked to seal victory and signal their intent for the season. It was the turn of Vale openers JP Davies (7) and Alex Upham (20) to put up with the tricky wicket where the ball didn't come onto the bat as you would expect.

JP was the first victim as he was bowled trying to work a ball through the legside. Oram (7) and Upham then put on a further 26 runs before Oram was caught at backward point after a mistimed shot, leaving the score 45-2 after 12 overs.

Upham soon followed after being out lbw, bringing captain McCay (35) and Snelson (37no) to the crease. The two experienced players put on 64 runs together and took the game away from Monkswood.

McCay and Snelson took the total to 110 before McCay was replaced by Steve Hiles (8no) who with Snelson saw Vale over the line with 15 overs to spare.

This was a comprehensive victory for Vale who played well but still have some things to work on for this week's encounter against the recently relegated Barry Athletic who will provide a tough opposition next week in Corntown.

Vale CC would like to thank their hosts Monkswood not only for their excellent tea but also for their sportsmanship and friendly atmosphere - good luck for the rest of the season. **Vale CC seconds welcomed Blaengarw firsts to Corntown in the opening league match of the 2019 season.**

After promotion last season and the recent restructuring of the leagues, Vale seconds will play several one-club teams this season in Division 7 of the South East Wales Cricket League.

Blaengarw captain Nicholas Spooner won the coin toss and elected to field first on a very dry and blustery day in Corntown. Vale captain Matthew Thomas opened the batting along with Gareth Kellend and both batsmen found the opening bowlers Lloyd Chambers and Nicholas Spooner difficult to score against in bowler-friendly conditions.

Chambers bowled six overs for 15 runs and Spooner eight overs for 23, picking up one wicket. At the halfway 20-over drinks break, Vale found themselves 75 for 1 having lost the wicket of Kelland early on.

Thomas and veteran Mark Francis batted assertively together, putting on a stand of 102 before Francis fell caught and mid-on for 32 in the 26th over.

In came Vale debutant Ian Clewley at No 4 with 14 overs to go. Clewley quickly settled, hitting several boundaries and eventually finishing with an unbeaten 52 not out.

Thomas shared his second century partnership of the day with Clewley, this partnership worth 135 runs in just 14 overs. Thomas was bowled out with a well-disguised slower ball by the combative Gregory Sinnott in the 39th over for a hard-hitting 139.

Sinnott completed his spell with 1 for 65 in his 8 overs. Vale ended their inning with a score of 246 for 3 and were well placed at the tea interval.

The Blaengarw reply started slowly with the impressive Matthew Gilbert (1 for 16) and Tom Lazarus bowling consistent tight lines and giving the batsmen very little to hit.

The first wicket fell in the 14th over where Tom Lazarus (1 for 22) picked up the wicket of opener Sinnott for 15. Tom's brother Matt came on to bowl from the pavilion end, and, although wicketless, bowled seven overs for 28 and unluckily had two dropped catches in the same over.

The left-hand spinning option of Tom Taylor picked up 2 for 19 including the wicket of Blaengarw top scorer Craig Butler (20) but the star of the show was Paul Sheppard.

He is usually known for batting as a hard-hitting middle order player, but he came on to bowl when wickets were hard to come by for the Vale.

He quickly got into rhythm, taking a wicket in his second over. From there on wickets tumbled and he finished his bowling spell with five for just 21 runs and the match ball. Blaengarw were eventually bowled out in the 39th over for 112.

Vale seconds were very happy with their 134-run victory and move on to this week with an away fixture against Barry Athletic.

HW

Holton Road lift cup to achieve treble

ON a sunny Saturday evening at the Kymco Stadium, Bridgend, for the first time in the South Wales Intermediate Cup history two teams from the Vale Leagues faced each other in the final, Holton Road AFC and The Tynewydd FC.

As expected, it was a close encounter with Holton eventually winning the match 2-0 thanks to goals from Mondo (with another screamer) and Shaun Jachontow sealing the victory late on after some great wing play from man of the match Travell Konten.

The win fittingly finished an incredible season with Holton winning an historic treble and coach Jeff Howells said: "I'd like to thank our supporters, especially the youngsters, Stu, Carl, Mike and Abi who have backed us behind the scenes doing the unseen work, our sponsors and my coaches Emlyn and Matt.

"I'd also like to say a big thank you to Tynewydd FC for their very kind gesture before Saturday's final in giving a donation to the *#livinginthenow* campaign and thank everyone who has donated towards my upcoming Skydive on May 19."

JH

Barrivale Bridge Club latest

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on April 30 are as follows:

Joint first place: Peter Millar and Jane Brook, and Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah with 57.08 per cent. Second place: Kay Dyer and Dave Thomas 56.67. Lyn Matthews and Sue Jones won the handicap.

As always, new members at the club are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Currently, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play, and Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30 - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP (the waterfront).

On and off the turf – with Brian Lee

FOLLOWING his success on David Brace's *William Money i*n the novice riders' race at the Berkeley Hunt Steeplechases recently, Jack Tudor had a walkover on the aptly named *Walkabout Creek* in the hunt race at the Tivyside Hunt Point-To-Point on Sunday, April 28.

Then, riding *Desert Roe*, the 4-6 favourite, in the conditions race around 40 minutes later, he beat solitary rival *Jungle Legend*.

He made it a hat-trick when taking the closing novice riders' race on the long-odds on *Midnight Folie*.

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, riding *Hold Court* in the three horse ladies' open, chalked up her fourth winner of the season when beating the Anna Lewis-ridden *Tiger Rag,* and Wayne Maskell, riding *Caveat Emptor*, beat the Byron Moorcroft-partnered *Little Brian* in the maiden race.

In a match for the men's open, Welsh champion rider Bradley Gibbs, riding *Moral Hazard*, beat the odds-on *Ramble On,* ridden by Byron Moorcroft.

FLINT STRIKES AGAIN

Bridgend's John Flint has made a welcome return to the winners' enclosure after a lean time.

At Salisbury last Thursday, May 2, his *Air Of York*, a 66-1 chance, won the William Hill Retail Bookmaker Of The Year Handicap when finishing half-a-length ahead of *The Groove* and those who backed the horse on the tote, and there couldn't have been many of them, obtained odds of just over 80-1!

Air Of York, a seven-year-old running for the first time in 103 days, was partnered by Stevie Donohoe and the following day at Chepstow Racecourse, Flint's four-year-old *Carp Kid,* under Finley Marsh, was a 10-1 winner of the opening Marketing Stop-Direct Marketing Specialists Handicap over a mile-and-a-half.

Carp Kid got home by three-and-three quarter lengths from *Kirkland Forever*, a winner of its previous race.

Welsh-speaking David Probert, who hails from Bargoed, won on 9-1 shot *Seascape* and 8-1 chance *Green Etoile* at Salisbury, and at Chepstow won the Caring Safe Professional Handicap on the 3-1 favourite *Fair Cop*, trained by Toby Balding.

Ron Harris, who trains near the course, was successful with *Brother Bently* in the County Marqees Handicap.

TOM'S FIRST WINNER

Tom David, who is assistant trainer to Gloucestershire's Ben Pauling, and who hails from Llanharan, saddled his first winner as a trainer when Bishop's Road, a 16-1 chance, ridden by Zac Baker, landed the Junior Jumpers Open Hunters' Chase at Cheltenham last Friday evening.

Eleven-year-old *Bishops Road* came home some an odd 39 lengths ahead of the odds-on favourite *Risk A Fine*, trained at Pyle by former rugby player Gareth Moore.

Tom, a former point-to-point rider himself, rode and trained a number of winners for Zara Phillips.

DELYTH'S CHEPSTOW WINNER

Delyth Thomas, of Aberkenfig, landed the Shadwell Arabian Stallions Maiden race worth £1,500 to the winner at Chepstow Racecourse last weekend with her *Paramer Angel* who got home by a head from *Abiyah Bah.*

Paramer Angel was partnered by leading Arabian horse racing rider Charlie Price, who rides out for Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

Charlie still managed to get his mount home despite dropping his whip in the last furlong.

There were 10 runners and *Paramer Angel* was returned at odds of 2-1.

COWBRIDGE RIDER'S BANWEN WIN

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft is enjoying his best ever year and on May Day Bank Holiday Monday at the Banwen Point-To-Point Club Steeplechases at Llwyn DD,Glais near Swansea, he chalked-up his 24th winner of the season on Jason Warner's five-year-old chestnut gelding *French Piece*, which won by three lengths from *Gowell* after making most of the running.

"He's a nice horse but he ran very green and he will kick or bite you given the chance," said Moorcroft who also trains the horse.

However, the day's riding honours went to Carmarthen's Ben Jones, son of former leading Welsh champion rider Dai Jones.

Ben won the confined race on *Gun Shy*, the intermediate on *Midnight Folie* and the open maiden on *Ardview Boy*.

Gun Shy, an 11-year-old bay gelding, owned and trained by Chepstow's Tommy Faulkner, won by two lengths from the pacemaking *Moreece.*

Midnight Folie, who was winning for the third time on the bounce, made all to beat solitary rival the blinkered *Ruperra Tom* by 25 lengths and *Ardview Boy* led throughout to win by some 30 lengths from *MoreHurryLessHaste*.

Just three runners went to post for the men's open race and the odds-on *Moral Hazard* under Bradley Gibbs, who is making a bold bid to win the national mens championship, came home four lengths ahead of the hooded *WalkAbout Creek.*

"The faster they go the better he is," said Gibbs.

PatrickTom Boru, owned and trained by Bridgend builder Roger Willcox, was made favourite to land the ladies' open race under Jodie Hughes. However,the prolific winner just couldn't catch the pacemaking *Tiger Rag* and by the time the winning post was reached was a length-and-a-half in arrears.

Tiger Rag was well ridden by Anna Lewis, aged 18, a student in her last year and who was winning her first race of the season.

TUDOR REIGNS

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, 17, who is making a bold bid to land the national novice riders' championship, was in fine form at last Sunday's Devon & Staghounds Point-To-Point Steeplechases where he landed a double on two horses trained by his father Jonathan.

Jack won the novice riders' race on the odds-on *High Hatton* and the open maiden on *Sing The Anthem.*

At Cold Harbour, Hereford, Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft,who is old enough to be Jack's father, won the restricted on the Luke Price-trained Deshan and Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs took the open maiden on Tommy Faulkner's five-year-old *Thomas Crown.*

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

LATEST results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club are as follows:

April 15 (club championship round 1) first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 74.43 per cent; second, Mike Best and David Birt 60.68; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 58.81.

April 29 (club championship round 2) first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 63.66 per cent; second, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris 60.42; third, Hilary Morgan and Christine Richmond 57.83.

The results from May 6:

Club Championship, round 3: first, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 66.64 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 58.63 per cent; third, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 55.98 per cent.

LE

Welsh cricket team to play in Cowbridge

THE Wales Senior 70s cricket team have a fixture against their counterparts from Somerset at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday, May 22.

The game is due to start at 1pm and local support would be most welcome with the bar open from 4.30pm.

In the squad, and hoping for selection, are three Cowbridge residents and members of Cowbridge Cricket Club, John Gilbert, Dave Webb and Jon Brazier.

The match is played as a fixture in the 70s Friendly Cricket League sponsored by Daioni of Pembrokeshire ,which consists of County sides predominantly in the west of England and the Midlands, as well as a team representing Wales.

Games are 40 overs per side and Wales play their home games all around the country at clubs who loan their facilities, in this instance, Cowbridge Cricket Club.

JB

New season is well under way at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

THE new golfing season is well under way at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

Various club competitions have been played since early March and more recently the start of the major tournaments with the opportunity of members getting their names engraved in gold leaf on the various honours boards.

Mixed competitions are very popular and on Easter Monday, there was a large entry for the Ashton Trophy. The course was already in magnificent condition and the players enjoyed glorious weather.

The winners were Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens who posted an excellent score of 39 points. Runners up were Jane Lott and Phil Yee who also scored 39 but just missed out on the narrowest of margins on the count back. The winning pair were congratulated by the new club captain Lesley Sherrard, who thanked all the competitors for supporting the competition.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard (centre) congratulating the winning pair Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens.

The first of the Men's board competitions took place on Sunday and another huge entry turned out for the Celnik Cup. The winner was Graham Robinson who posted a magnificent score of 41 points in quite tricky weather conditions with runner up Joseph Lane recording 38, and third place went to Anthony Hobbs with 36.

The club really appreciates the fine work of head greenkeeper Lucy Sellick and her team who have quickly brought the course up to superb condition after the winter months.

The club also appreciates the efforts of the administration and catering staff and it was with pleasure that club captain Lesley Sherrard took the opportunity to present team member Julie Staples with a fine clock in recognition of 25 years of excellent service with the club.

BJ

International bowls in the Vale

THE eyes of the bowling world will turn to the Vale this weekend as some of the best bowlers in the world will visit Barry in the next two weeks as the 2019 Atlantic Championships, featuring over 200 players from 27 countries, will start this Friday, May 10 at Barry Island.

Barry Athletic are proud to be co-hosting the event along with Windsor Penarth, Dinas Powys and Penylan bowling clubs. The tournament will last 12 days with 10 days of play at Barry Island.

The early matches commence as early as 8.15am on many days, with evening matches starting at 6pm. England, Scotland and South Africa are the main attractions on the opening day at the Athletic.

Play will continue all week, with some days having as many as five sessions.

Barry Athletic Bowls Club has hosted many international matches in its 108 year history, but possibly never anything on this scale, and members of the public are encouraged to come along and see this unique spectacle at close hand.

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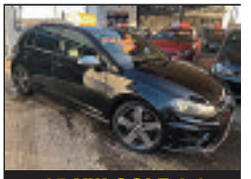

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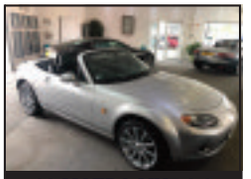

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Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

IT has been an extraordinary action packed end to the season for Bridgend Sports' mini and junior teams.

The club's annual rugby festival at Pencoed College was once again a great success and at the end of the month over 400 people made the club's annual mini and juniors rugby tour to Exmouth.

More on this later, but first it's a report on the annual Bridgend Sports mini rugby festivall and the club is extremely grateful to Bridgend College for its continued support.

This year another 39 clubs made the journey to the sports complex at Pencoed to field 51 sides overall. Some 760 players entered in to the festival spirit to produce free flowing rugby.

The under-7s welcomed Pencoed, Neath Athletic, Tondu, Aberavon, Llantwit Major and Pontyclun. Most of the clubs were able to field two sides with a big turnout.

The under-8s played 12 games which were fast-paced and entertaining to watch. The team of 15 keen and enthusiastic players tagged like demons, ripping 207 tags of the opposition's belts.

The Sports' results from the day were: Bridgend Sports 6, Maesteg Celtic 4; Bridgend Sports 4, Porthcawl 8; Bridgend Sports 5, Pencoed 5; Bridgend Sports 2, Caerphilly 4; Bridgend Sports 4, Kenfig Hill 4; Bridgend Sports 6, Llanharan 9; Bridgend Sports 1, Llanharan 4; Bridgend Sports 3, Tondu 3; Bridgend Sports 1, Caerphilly 4; Bridgend Sports 5, Talywain 3; Bridgend Sports 3, Treorchy 5; Bridgend Sports 3, Caerphilly 4.

The under-9s fielded an almost full squad where they faced some very large and physical teams. It was a good learning curve for the players and coaches alike.

Star player went to Seth James who played remarkably well on his debut for the Sports and was able to score tries and tackle solidly for his new team.

Results in the game's order were: Bridgend Sports 25, Llanharan 20; Bridgend Sports 10, Treorchy 30; Bridgend Sports 10, Maesteg Celtic 25; Bridgend Sports 15, Pencoed 35; Bridgend Sports 15, Oakdale 20.

The under-10s hosted teams from Talywain, Rhumney, Whitehead, Bridgend Athletic and Tondu.

The Sports fielded two teams and entertained the crowd with some great running rugby. Results included five wins, three draws and two losses.

The team was proud of a derby win against neighbours Bridgend Athletic and near neighbours Tondu.

The under-10s in action.

The under-11s welcomed Penallta, Beaufort Steelers, Aberavon Quins and Whitehead to the festival.

Sports played well throughout, with plenty of direct running, off-loading and great ball handling skills to run in some nice tries.

The Sports won three of their games and narrowly lost the other, but put in some great performances, which is what really mattered on the day.

The 2019 festival followed the huge success of 2018 and planning has already begun for 2020.

Returning to the club tour, the mini and junior teams headed to the South Coast for the annual tour. Just under 400 people made the trek south to Exmouth for another action-packed weekend.

It was a meet and greet event on Friday evening with karaoke thrown in for good measure, then up for a mini Olympics on the beach.

Fittingly it was the blue team that emerged victorious but overall every child had fun.

It was then onto Sunday, when Exmouth RFC proved to be outstanding hosts for the club. They had organised a festival for all age groups from under-7s to under-13s with sides from the south west of England.

While the pathway rules are different across the bridge, rugby proved to be the winner with some Welsh wizardry mainly prevailing on the day.

The under-7s and under-11s played sides from the host club Exmouth. The under-8s played Exmouth and St Martins Old Boys School. The under-9s and under-10s faced Exmouth, St Martins Old Boys School and Exeter Saracens, the under-12s were kept fully occupied with two games against Exmouth and two against Stow on the Wold, while the under-13s played a combined Exmouth and St Martins Old Boys .

The Bridgend Sports under-13s on tour.

In a thrilling climax to the day they then took Exeter Saracens unbeaten season's record, defeating the Devon outfit 20-25 in an outstanding game of rugby.

All players and parents were exemplary all weekend. The club is extremely proud of the young players efforts in representing their club and country with great pride.

Back at home, the under-15s played their final game of the season against a very strong Llanelli Wanderers side.

The Sports put in an extremely brave effort before going down to the Wanderers. Sports points scorers were Archie Faulkner-Lerway with two tries, Morgan Rees with one try which was converted by Owain Peters.

Sports' man of the match was awarded to Luke Yates. The side has a brilliant group of players who continue to develop and improve every year and they have enjoyed a fantastic season.

To top off what has been a wonderful April for Bridgend Sports, the club learned late last Friday that they have been shortlisted for the Ospreys Community Club of the Year award.

There will be stiff competition for sure and all eyes will be on the Liberty Stadium on Friday.

SP

Pencoed Phoenix under-18s impress in loss at Principality Stadium

PENCOED Phoenix under-18s opened the scoring in the early moments of this National under-18 final at the Principality Stadium against Cardiff Harlequins.

A five-metre lineout saw Jessica Tuck win clean possession and Phoenix No 8 Jaya White broke off to charge over.

The Quins' response was immediate, hooker Ffion Owen levelling matters. Quins soon got a second try, outside half Megan Webb picking a good angle to score wide out.

The Quins threequarters were beginning to look dangerous and only a good tackle from Phoenix right wing Erin Smith prevented them breaking clear. Following good inter-passing from Webb and centre Morgan Tuchli Davies, the Quins got their third try, and they quickly added a fourth.

A Mia Davies break down the left for Phoenix saw Liv Evans threaten but the capital city side got back to cover the danger.

The Quins then got a fifth try in somewhat bizarre fashion. Phoenix were extremely unlucky to concede the try under the advantage law as, when attempting to kick clear, the ball deflected back over their own try line for Quins to gain the touchdown.

White again broke strongly for some 30 metres to put Phoenix back on the attack but her support runners were unfortunately unable to continue the move.

Quins soon countered and were now starting to move the ball around with confidence and swift hands saw centre Nia Grundy race away to score and the Quins led 32-5 at the interval.

Despite a strong Phoenix scrum with front row forwards Dionne Tapner and sisters Katie and Rosie Carr in the ascendancy, supplemented by second rows Emma Powson and Georgina Davies, it was the cohesion of the Quins threes which was proving to be the main difference between the sides.

Another strong run from outstanding prospect White put Phoenix on the attack and they then moved the ball wide for Lowri Davies to round the cover to score a fine try.

Pencoed PHoenix under-18s.
ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

A Phoenix driving maul took them some 25 metres and typified the never-say-die spirit of this relatively young side at this level, and indeed this reflected in their second half effort in sharing the points scoring.

The Phoenix camp can reflect proudly on this experience at the Principality Stadium and there is absolutely no reason why this young side cannot return there next season.

The senior Phoenix team, on tour in Magaluf, reached the final of the beach rugby tournament, losing out narrowly by four tries to three to a Spanish international select side. Well done girls.

TR

Lowri Davies scores a try.

Success for Bridgend Bridge players

BRIDGEND Bridge Club players Liam Sheridan, John Beard, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox recently won the West Wales Bridge Association Laidlaw Murry team competition.

Keith Davison was in second place playing for the Swansea team. In third place were another all-Bridgend team of club president Bill Turner, Marjorie Morris, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follow.

On May 1, first: Norma and David Newman; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, Alan Heath and Rob Forman. The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

On May 2, first: Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, David Newman and Clive Edwards. The winners on handicap were Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies.

On May 3, first: Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; third, Irene Wickham and Mari Jones. The winners on handicap were Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Before the Thursday afternoon session at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will continue his talk on forcing bids.

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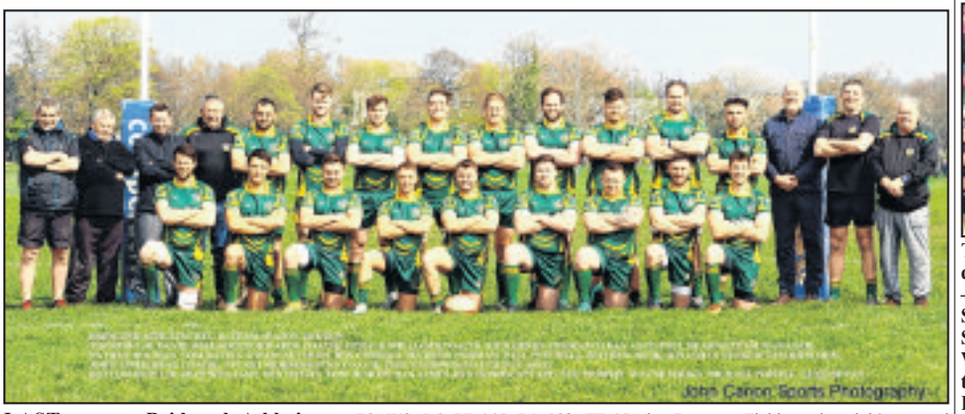
Third place finish for Bridgend Athletic RFC



LAST season, Bridgend Athletic finished third in National League Division One West Central behind Maesteg Harlequins and Ystalyfera.

This season, having been moved by the WRU to Division One East Central, they repeated a third placed finish with only Glamorgan Wanderers and Rumney above them. The Athletic second XV finished fourth in the WRU Conference league behind Bargoed, Penallta and Cardiff Met.

The first XV's overall playing record was P22, W15, L7, PF 415, PA 335, TF 50, TA 46, Points 65. With an unsettled side and constant changing backline, the team found life against far more physical and bigger sides in the new division very challenging at first.

After nine games their playing record was P9, W3, L6, PF 145, PA 192, TF 15 TA 25, and they were 10th in the league with 14 points.

Following a humiliating 35-8 five try drubbing at Llantrisant on November 24, there came a Damascus-type turnaround. Coaches John Apsee, Stuart Morris, David Williams and Gerald Williams made two big decisions that completely changed their side's fortunes.

Last season's big and speedy youth back row of Tom Davies, Will Barraclough and Owain Leyshon were struggling for game time with established incumbents Ben Howe, Sean Williams and Ben Davies difficult to dislodge. The solution to shore up a leaky back division was to move Davies to centre and Barraclough and Leyshon onto the wings.

The second decision was to return from the Brewery Field to the club's natural home at Newbridge Fields. The team never looked back and their playing record in the final 13 games was W12, L1, PF269, PA 144, TF 35, TA 21, earning 51 league points in those games, with all six games at Newbridge Fields won and the side won their final 10 games. Davies, Barraclough and Leyshon contributed 11 tries in their new positions.

The team defeated every side except champions Glamorgan Wanderers at least once and came within two points of a home win against the Wanderers. They completed league doubles over Gilfach Goch, Treorchy, Mountain Ash, Rhiwbina and St Joseph's and, in a massive turnaround, defeated Llantrisant at Newbridge Fields by 45 points to 9.

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Brynteg School lift WRU Year 9 cup after thriller!

TWO of Welsh rugby's traditional school 'powerhouses – Brynteg Comprehensive School and Whitchurch High School – met in the Year-9 Welsh Schools Cup final at the home of Welsh rugby, the Principality Stadium, on a bright, warm spring afternoon.

The game certainly lived up to expectations, with the lead changing hands several times, eventually being decided by a Brynteg try in the dying seconds for a one point, 30-29 victory; 11 of the Brynteg squad, including their captain Shea Duggan, regularly turn out for Bridgend Athletic RFC under-14s team.

After a strong start by Brynteg, who spent the first five minutes of the game camped in Whitchurch's 22, it was Whitchurch who scored first. Some classy movement in the backs led to them scoring two early tries, running up a 10-0 early lead.

Back came Brynteg with a Josh Stephens try, finishing off a well-worked move in the corner. Brynteg followed up with another classic try as a neat interchange between outside half Gabe Brown and centre Shea Duggan saw Duggan going over to bring the game level.

Full back Iestyn Williamson added two points with the conversion, giving Brynteg the lead for the first time. Just before the break, some further Brynteg pressure resulted in a penalty, Williamson adding three points from the boot to give Brynteg a 15-10 half-time lead.

After the break, it seemed like normal service had resumed, some early Brynteg pressure again leading to a penalty and a further three points from Williamson.

The game then seemed to turn on a sixpence, with Whitchurch finding a boost from somewhere. They dominated for a 25-minute period, playing some scintillating rugby, seemingly having an extra man whenever they needed.

Whitchurch showed grit and determination, and no lack of skill, in scoring three well-worked tries, and two conversions, turning the game on its head and giving them a 29-18 lead with seven minutes remaining.

This special game had one more twist, though. It was now Brynteg's turn to be resilient and show a 'never-say-die' attitude. Brynteg's captain Shea Duggan led from the front, and from nowhere scored his second try. A successful conversion followed making the score 25-29 with just minutes left.

Then, with Whitchurch finishing the game off with pressure in Brynteg's half, the ball fell to Jack Shaw who started a move, which a few phases later ended with Nathan Cox scoring the try of the day in a moment of pure brilliance, running over in the corner to make it 29-30 to Brynteg.

With the Brynteg supporters raising the roof, the referee blew his whistle, bringing an end to a game that no one present will ever forget – especially those in blue and yellow!

Thanks to No 11 Café Bar, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, for providing pre-match refreshments and Brolyn Butcher Supplies/JS Building and Plastering for sponsoring the Brynteg jerseys.

AB

Mixed start for Porthcawl cricket teams

PORTHCAWL are notoriously slow starters to a campaign and so it proved once more as they fell to a five-wicket home defeat to Dafen at Locks Lane in the opening match of the new season in division three of the South Wales Cricket Association.

It looked promising at one stage for the hosts when the Llanelli suburban side slumped to 21-3 in reply to a modest target of 128, but they rallied to run out comfortable winners with seven overs to spare.

New skipper Nick Morgan lost the toss and the Seasiders were inserted on a slow wicket and outfield.

The home side lost three early wickets although Morgan held firm until he was dismissed for 14. Last season's top batsman Rob Jones then set about a repair job with Billy Frost and the pair added 46 for the fourth wicket before Jones departed for a hard-fought 33, with two boundaries highlighting his innings.

Frost followed for 15 as the home side slumped to 75-6 but the arrival of Chris Richards, making a welcome return to action, brought about another mini recovery.

Richards belied his years of absence with a confident display before his innings came to an unexpected end on 19, including a six and four.

At 104-8 Porthcawl were in need of a resilient partnership to take them towards a more competitive total and the two junior members of the team, Stefan Flood and Jude Darbernig, provided it as they contributed 16 valuable runs before Flood's resistance ended with his score on 14.

Darbernig remained unbeaten when the innings came to an end with 10 balls remaining, for 127.

For the visitors, Rhys Marchant caused the major damage with impressive figures of 4-21 from 10 economical overs, Andrew Randall's 10-over stint yielded 2-29 and Cieron Latham's four overs earned him 2-6. There was also a wicket apiece for Luke Dunning and Andrew Herbert.

The hosts needed to make early inroads and looked to be in the driving seat as Dafen slipped from 21-3 to 47-4, but a fifth wicket partnership of 72 between Jamie Mansel and Jac Morgan completely turned the game on its head.

Morgan was dismissed for 21 but a belligerent and impressive unbeaten knock of 68 from Mansel proved decisive.

Jones, the batting hero, was also the star with the ball, taking 2-21 from an excellent 10-over spell and David Lewis and Mark Bevan also bowled their 10 overs beautifully, profiting with 1–20 and 1- 23 respectively, while Steve Doherty took 1-12 from four overs before an ankle injury brought his spell to an early end.

Porthcawl 127 all out, Dafen 128-5

IN a thriller at Ynystawe Park, Porthcawl squeezed to a memorable one-run victory over newcomers Clydach to give new skipper Marc Thompson a winning start to life in division six of the South Wales Cricket Association.

Thompson, taking over the reigns from previous captain Paul Mason, who enjoyed 12 successful years at the helm, was indebted to his predecessor for a modest total of 107 all out after 32 overs of their 40 over allocation.

Mason arrived at the crease after the fall of the seventh wicket and with his side in serious trouble, but the veteran showed the home attack little respect as he lashed an excellent unbeaten 26, enabling the visitors to rise above the century mark.

Earlier, openers Steve Richmond and Blair Driscoll gave Porthcawl a useful start with 10 runs apiece and Rob Warren added 15 but the rest of the batting folded as opening bowlers Dan Rees and Tom Walker wreaked havoc, both recording 3-22.

Bradley Price took 2-16 while there was a wicket each for Steff Pryce and Favos Thaivalappil.

From a seemingly hopeless situation, Porthcawl made a remarkable comeback after Clydach looked on course for a resounding victory after the loss of an early wicket as Tyler Murvai made 29 and Thaivappil 20.

But the batting then collapsed in remarkable fashion, only James Lowry reaching double figures, as wickets tumbled at regular intervals, setting up a fascinating finale.

The game could have gone either way but the visitors held their nerve with some superb bowling to leave the home side dramatically and frustratingly one run short after 40 overs, with two wickets still remaining.

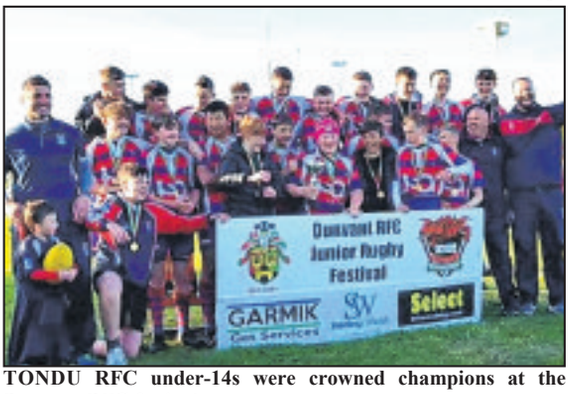
For the buoyant Seasiders, 13-year-old Spencer Morgan was inspirational with his leg spinners as he weaved his magic to end with 2-6 from five superb overs.

Driscoll took 2-15 from his seven-over stint and there was a wicket each for Thompson, Richmond and Mason as Porthcawl gained an unlikely but brilliant success.

Clydach seconds 106-8, Porthcawl seconds 107 all out.

John Edwards

Tondu RFC under-14s lift trophy



TONDU RFC under-14s were crowned champions at the Dunvant RFC festival.

On route to the final they played Lougher, Vardre and Pontypridd, before beating Shrewsbury in the semi-final to face Pontypridd again in the final, which they won two tries to nil.

Mike Sully